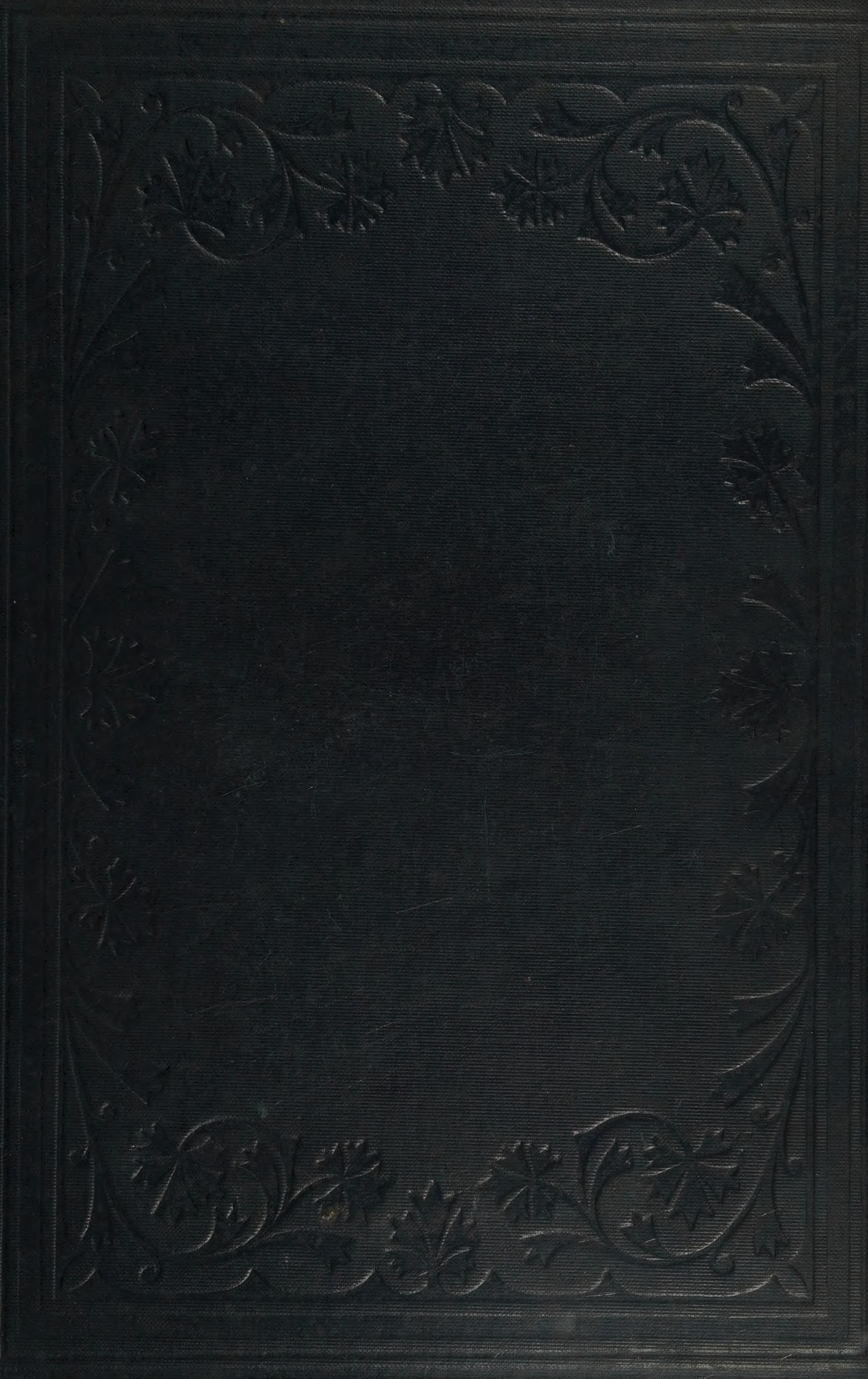

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PREFACE.

The most important historical point in the present volume of Domestic State Papers is the development, detection, and frustration of a wide-spread plot for the restoration of monarchy, called, from the locality of the principal rising, the Salisbury insurrection.

The first notice of it occurs on 15th February 1655, when an order was issued to the Lord Mayor and sheriffs of London, and numerous other officers and gentlemen, to form themselves into a Militia Commission, to raise men, and to appoint officers, subject to the Protector's approval, " lest this great city should be left naked and exposed to " the rage of wicked men," whilst the army has to march to those parts of the kingdom in actual rebellion (p. 43).

In the fear that the troops still remaining in London might yield to discontent on account of their unpaid arrears, 100*l*. was ordered at once to each regiment, from moneys provided for the contingencies of Council, to be repaid later out of the Army assessments (p. 83).

On 24th February, horse races, in any part of England or Wales, were forbidden for six months, lest use should be made of the confluence of people to raise troubles (p. 53).

On 10th March, the rumour of " some desperate design " on foot," caused orders to the officers of ships at Portsmouth to keep a strict watch for the preservation of the ships, and to stop all boats passing at night, and the officers—cautious about exercising coercion without due authority—requested a warrant to fire on the boats if they would not submit. Soldiers were sent on board such ships as were not well manned, for their protection.

At Chatham, the guards on board the men-of-war were doubled, and a requisition was sent to the Ordnance office to supply arms to some hundreds of men on the works, who would be faithful and secure the Navy there. A boat with musketeers was sent up and down the river, to apprehend suspicious persons passing about Queensborough, where were many concerned in the last rising. The Mayor of Rochester was ordered to secure the Malignants about that town, and the officers of Upnor Castle were quickened to attend to their duty, and prevent the escape of prisoners (pp. 73, 75, 81).

Meanwhile rumours were rife of a gathering of 2,000 or 3,000 armed horse in Wiltshire, with a design to seize Southampton and other places, and of the seizure of the commissions of the judges who were sent down on the Western circuit (p. 74). A foot company was at once sent to Southampton at the request of the inhabitants, to secure the threatened town (p. 81).

Militia Commissioners were now appointed in 15 counties and 3 cities or towns of England and in South Wales, to raise a militia force, with instructions to enquire into conspiracies and secret meetings, disarm Papists or abettors of Charles Stuart, enquire after suspicious strangers, and see to the safe keeping of arms and ammunition. The providing of horses and arms was to be charged on the estates of the disaffected, but the horses and arms were to be given to the well-affected, who were to be formed into regiments and trained; those refusing to appear to be fined 20*l*., and mutineers or disobedient persons imprisoned. In the lists of these Militia Commissioners appear the names of most of the prominent military men of the times, *e.g.* Sir Geo. Booth, Col. Rob. Lilburne, Major-Gens. Lambert and Desborow; also several peers and baronets, and Lawrence, President, and Thurloe, Secretary of Council (pp. 77–8).

The alarm next arose that foreign forces were to aid the internal rising, and that all along the sea-coast of France, large bodies of horse and foot had been brought down to the frontier towns and garrisons (p. 81). It was even rumoured that several coast towns of England were to be handed over to the French, as the guerdon for their assistance (p. 344). Major-Gen. Sir Jos. Wagstaff, sent over as the leader of the movement for Charles II. in the West, boasted not only that it would be aided there by French troops under the Duke of York, but that the King himself would land in the North, and that the whole nation was prepared to rise in arms (p. 99).

To repel the insurrection, Major Butler was sent down with 4 troops to Salisbury, and Gen. Desborow into Wiltshire and Somersetshire; they kept up correspondence with each other, and the enemy, headed by Wagstaff, retreated in trepidation before them, but were followed and routed at South Molton in Devonshire (pp. 84, 88, 365). Such a panic appears to have seized the Royalist party, that they were "like a hare started," and, "hurried on by their fears and guilt," hardly remained 3 hours in one place, but dispersed at the approach of the repelling forces (p. 87).

General Desborow made a triumphant entry into Exeter, and was received with grateful enthusiasm by the well-affected, and he immediately proceeded to the trial of the prisoners taken in battle or pursuit, of whom 140 were already lodged in Exeter gaol (p. 87).

For the more rapid settlement of the business, they were first examined in four different places, by eight persons, as to their guilt (pp. 89–91). Capt. Hatsell writes on March 26th advising speedy trial of those committed, because now the country is much set against them, lest in time pity should arise, and efforts be made on their behalf. He reports 20 or 30 of them as worthy of the halter, and some of banishment to the plantations (p. 99).

Two commissions of Oyer and Terminer were accordingly issued, one for the trial of those in the Western counties, and the other for the North, where disturbances had also been suppressed (pp. 90, 91, 106, 112–4, 116–7).

The Sheriff of Exeter, Col. John Copleston, was fearful lest the Cavalier party should endeavour to corrupt the jury, and sent a warrant to prevent it, by ordering summonses to be issued only to such as would not be likely to favour them (p. 120). On this account probably, John Penruddock, one of the accused, challenged 22 jurymen, though without showing cause, before the required 12 could be sworn in (p. 131). He was, however, condemned and executed, although he and another, named Grove, had surrendered themselves to Col. Umpton Crook, the Parliamentary general, on articles of war, which were thus violated, and their estates were forfeited (pp. 85, 131, 306, 365, 381).

Such of the prisoners as escaped death were sent to the foreign plantations, or permitted to serve in the fleet, where men were much wanted for the Western expedition, on taking the oath of fidelity to Government (pp. 249, 253).

Desborow visited Tiverton, Taunton, Wincanton and other places, in person, and remained in the West several months, for the settling down of the disturbed districts. Amongst the soldiers at least he was very popular, but he was recalled to town by the illness of his wife. He still, however, retained the direction of affairs in the West (pp. 99, 114, 187, 233, 241, 244, 255).

In other parts of the country the rising was equally unsuccessful. One of the places upon which hopes were built was Hull. The King had written to the masters and seamen of the Trinity House there, and they were forward in his cause, as were the town's people generally, to whom he had promised free pardon, and an Act of Indemnity. There were rumours that he would reside there for some time (pp. 338–9), and it was even reported that he had actually landed.

The strength of his party in Hull was doubtless increased by the influence of Major-Gen. Overton, who had long been Parliamentary general there, but had now declared for the Royal cause, and was marching, with part of the troops under his command in Scotland, to its assistance (pp. 102, 408).

It had been given out that Burlington, Scarborough, Newcastle, and other places in the North, were already secured "for an old thing, called a King" (p. 88). Lord Wilmot, recently created Earl of Rochester by Charles II., actually landed in the North, where a body of 8,000 men was reckoned upon as certain to rise, with whom he intended to surprise York; but the failure of the design in the West broke the spirits of the party elsewhere, and rendered their dispersion easy by the Protector's troops, who came down upon the places appointed for their rendezvous, of which Government seems to have had due notice.

From Berwick garrison 300 foot marched to baffle an attempt to surprise Newcastle, and other parties in North Wales, Shropshire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire and Cheshire, were similarly dispersed (pp. 88, 409–10).

Although many gentlemen were imprisoned in the

North, they were only fined by the judges for riots and misdemeanours, and then released on bail (p. 325).

A list is given of 72 persons taken in the Eastern counties, and sent prisoners to Yarmouth, Mersey, Lynn, and London, who were all ordered to be released on bond (pp. 367–9).

As early as 24th March, the Protector was able to announce that the insurrection was suppressed, and thus the whole design disappointed of an "enemy who, had he "prevailed, would have made us the most miserable "and harassed nation in the world" (p. 92).

Still precautions were kept up some time longer; ships fitted up and victualled guarded the coasts; a strict account was ordered to be taken of all strangers and loose persons landing, and dangerous meetings to be prevented. Letters to this purport were sent to the newly appointed Militia Commissioners, and also to the justices of peace throughout the country (pp. 92–94). Letters of thanks were also issued to the Lord Mayor and Militia Commissioners of London, for their forwardness in execution of their trust (p. 96). In spite of the precautions used and the strict searches made, however, Lord Wilmot managed to escape from a port in Essex, landed at Flushing, and rejoined the King at Cologne, and Major-Gen. Wagstaff and O'Neale were equally fortunate (pp. 127, 192, 212, 215, 245, 409).

On July 6th, all those who had been of the party of the late King and his sons were ordered to remove out of London and Westminster before 12th July, on pain of proceedings, and to return to their usual dwelling, or place of birth, or parents' residence (p. 233).

The mismanagement of this insurrection was the cause of profound regret and vehement indignation among the Royalists. It was said that had their troops but held their ground at Salisbury a little longer, 10,000 men would have joined them; but that the reason of so small a gathering at first was that the King had twice postponed the day fixed for the rising, and therefore many feared they should be fooled in the end, and never rose at all (pp. 246, 250).

In the North also, Sir Marm. Langdale, who had very extensive influence there, was expected to head the rising, and the King so calculated upon him as to give him 500 guilders to prepare for the expedition; but he was not of Hyde's cabal, then powerful at the Court of the exiled King, and therefore he was kept back, though his absence was a serious detriment to the cause (pp. 216, 221).

In the early part of this disturbance, it seemed to be the interest of Government to make as light of it as possible, and especially to preclude suspicion of any general or wide spread dissatisfaction; but later on, a different policy was adopted. It was pronounced a "bold "and dangerous insurrection," and was made a pretext for extending a network of military government all over England and Wales. The country was divided into 11 districts, over each of which was appointed a major-general, and a number of "Commissioners for securing "the peace of the Commonwealth," to act under him. These major-generals were, of course, Cromwell's tried and trusted adherents; Desborow being selected for the Western counties, where his previous management had been so successful, and ordered to return thither (pp. 265, 275, 387). Their instructions bore almost entirely on the suppression of the Royalist party; their powers were extensive, and they had full ability to put them into execution, as the militia troops were placed entirely at their disposal (pp. 296, 344, 395).

The expense of this new military organization was, however, a very serious question to a Government already labouring under heavy embarrassments. The quelling of the insurrection had involved a considerable expenditure in the raising of country troops on the sudden emergency, in places where disturbances were expected, as Leicestershire, Devonshire, Dorsetshire, Somersetshire, Shrewsbury, &c.; but these were chiefly met by local contributions, or by arrears of former militia moneys (pp. 149, 209, 244, 252, 259).

The continued support of an organized force throughout the entire country was a much more important concern. The Protector determined that it should be met by a decimation tax on the estates of all Royalists, whether tangibly connected with the late conspiracy or not.

Now the large proportion of these Royalists had already compounded for their previous delinquencies, and sued out and obtained their pardons, which were very comprehensive as to the freeing them from any future payment for their past offences. Some special reason had therefore to be found for the violation of this pledge. The plea urged was, that so widespread a conspiracy, and so general an expectation of a rising, could not have existed without strong moral support in promises, of which circumstances had prevented the fulfilment, for that the great sums raised could not have come out of a few hands. Therefore those even suspected of Royalist tendencies, on account of previous sequestrations or fightings against Parliament, were doomed to pay a tax yearly of 10 per cent. on landed income, and 10*l*. a year or 100*l*. total per 1,500*l*. for personalty. "It may seem "great severity," says the Protector in his Proclamation, "to tax the *whole* party, when few have been convicted "or detected, in which case their whole estates had been "confiscated, but we appeal to all indifferent men whether "the party was not generally involved in this business" (pp. 237, 347, 410).

Many of the Royalists appealed, by petition to the Protector, against this tax, but their petitions were almost invariably referred back to the Major-General and Commissioners of their respective counties. Some of these petitions will appear in the succeeding volume of this Calendar. Those of persons who have already compounded will be found with their respective cases in the Composition Calendar, shortly to be printed.

A similar hardship had already been inflicted on the Channel islands of Guernsey and Jersey. Here, during the civil wars, Royalty had one of its strongest holds, and though several of the more important delinquents had already paid fines to Major Heane, then governor, Commissioners were appointed to exact a composition from the inhabitants, at 2 years' value of their landed estates, and $\frac{1}{10}$th of their personalty, exempting only those worth less than 7*l.* a year or 100*l.* personalty. Those who had been included in the articles of war granted to Mont Orgueil and Elizabeth Castles were to compound according to the terms thereof.

This proceeding called forth a vehement complaint of hardship (pp. 305–6), and an entreatry that all should not be prosecuted as traitors and rebels through the misdeeds of a few desperate delinquents, especially as many had acted only on compulsion.

In response to this, it was conceded that such only as had really assisted the enemy should be obliged to compound, and all others be freed from trouble (pp. 335–6); but the previously appointed rates were maintained for such as on examination should be proved to be delinquents; all rigorous proceedings to be forborne meantime (pp. 345–6).

The prosecution of these orders by the Commissioners was said to be moderate, yet the total of the fines imposed was 11,730*l.*, from which the fines already paid to Major-Gen. Heane, being nearly 4,000*l.*, were to be abated (p. 403).

The real cause of these severe proceedings is to be found in the impecuniosity of Government (p. 384). Complaints of the want of money abound in the present volume. Officers and soldiers, and their families, petition for unpaid arrears and compensation for losses (pp. 231, 306, 318, 320, 331–2, 344). Tradesmen for payment of long-deferred bills for Government stores (pp. 307, 317). Government employés and workmen for payment of salaries, some of which are 6 years in arrears (pp. 67, 230, 306, 313, 320, 379).

Individual claims were generally met by grants of the sum petitioned for, out of the moiety of such discoveries of concealed estates or debts due to the State as should be made by the petitioners. Thus the very payment of debts was converted into a source of income; but this system was fruitful of espionage, placed the interests of the petitioners in opposition to those of their neighbours and friends, and encouraged the employment of informers, who benefitted themselves by making discoveries to those who had obtained grants of this character.

Public necessities could not, however, be met in this way. The Navy Commissioners complain that they stand charged with a vast debt for wages of seamen and provisions; that the stores are exhausted, and cannot be replenished without ready money, the State's credit being so weakened by failures of payments on former contracts that nothing can be had on trust (p. 147).

The brewers and bakers supplying the Navy note to their "exceeding grief and distraction" that the prize moneys appointed for payment of nearly 8,000*l.* due to them are assigned to others, and urge their claims in piteous terms (p. 223).

The Admiralty Commissioners were so urgent in their demands that the Protector was advised to order them 100,000*l.* on account, but this could not be accomplished (p. 34).

The soldiers, both in England and Scotland, were greatly in arrears, yet part of the money set aside for their payment had to be diverted to more pressing needs (pp. 24, 25).

Attempts were made to borrow money from the East India Company (p. 240, 267) and from the treasurers at war (p. 267), and also to lessen expense by reducing the standing army both in England and Scotland, especially as the regular establishment of a militia force rendered it less needful. Here again a difficulty arose. The officers and soldiers could not be disbanded without payment of arrears, and there was great trouble to find the necessary funds (pp. 229, 251–2, 256, 265, 292, 309).

A like difficulty occurred in reference to the fleet. The ships which had been fitted out at great expense (p. 297) and successfully employed under General Blake in clearing the Mediterranean of pirates (pp. 337, 363) returned home; and to save the expense of their retention during the winter, the money appointed for the Navy had to be appropriated to their payment (pp. 359, 372, 382), and this diversion of the funds plunged the Navy Treasury into still greater embarrassment.

The outburst of indignation which arose in England on the barbarous persecutions of the Waldenses, under the authority of the Duke of Savoy, finds expression in the present volume. On 17th May, the elders and brethren of congregations in and about London petition the Protector for a "speedy course for the precious remnant" of those who have borne their testimony "against the innovation "of the Man of Sin," and for "a solemn mourning for "their sufferings and our sins." The result was the appointment of a general fast, the proclamation for which detailed in the strongest terms the cruelties perpetrated on the helpless people (pp. 165, 182–3).

Collections were ordered in all the churches on behalf of the sufferers, and were freely made on board ships, in the outburst of a genuine sympathy (pp. 184–5). The churchwardens were also enjoined to go from house to house in their several parishes, and receive contributions, setting down the names in a schedule to be signed by the housekeeper.

Sir Christopher Pack, Lord Mayor, and Alderman Thomas Vyner, were appointed treasurers, with an efficient committee, to see to the collection and distribution of the money (pp. 196–7).

The response to this appeal was liberal in many quarters, whilst in others no effort was made. On 12th July, therefore, a second proclamation was issued, urging the collection upon those parishes where it had not been made, and its paying in when this had not already taken place (pp. 239, 240.)

On 16th August 15,000*l.* was sent beyond seas, of which 5,000*l.* was to be paid at Geneva to John Lodowick Calandrin, "to be disposed according to his Highness's "orders" (pp. 290, 371).

A rumour was circulated by the Royalists that the money so collected and sent to Switzerland was employed by Cromwell, not for its destined purposes, but to hire a Swiss life guard of 3,000 men, become needful to him because those of his own army disapproved his despotic designs. It was added that, to conceal the design, many Swiss families were brought in to reside in London (pp. 316, 375, 384). That if he make show of calling a Parliament, it will be to gain time till he can get over the Swiss guard and purge his army, for he knows he can only be secure by the power of an army, and an army and a Parliament are not compatible (p. 375). But a little later, we are told that he has probably laid aside the idea of this Swiss guard, as “it was discovered to some chief “officers of the army” (p. 384).

It is unfortunate for impartial truth that the notices of Cromwell himself, excepting so far as they can be gathered from his own letters and proclamations, are chiefly found in the letters of his adversaries, and are therefore to be received with caution. In the correspondence of Secretary Nicholas, we are informed that he is “becoming every day “more and more odious to all sorts of people in England” (p. 316). That “as sure as he is a mortal, he is extremely “hated by all sorts of people, and in great want of “money” (p. 348). That if he is compelled by want of money “to call a Parliament, which nothing but the “greatest extremities will make him adventure on, he must “submit to what it imposes, and then the Presbyterians “will yoke him as they please” (p. 336). But that “the rulers of the rebels' army will never consent “to a triennial or other Parliament that shall have “power over them,” lest they themselves be dissolved (p. 341).

A false rumour of the death of Cromwell on $\frac{9}{19}$th September of colic or convulsions, the result, as was supposed, of grief at his loss in the West Indies (pp. 338, 341), was received with caution, which was well-timed, as it proved a fable. One of the writers who circulated it expresses regret at its falsehood, adding, “I think with you that “he will die a violent death, to which all honest and loyal

" subjects are bound to contribute their utmost endeavours," adding that the writer knows an "honest, sober, and " resolute man," who, for 1,000 guilders in hand, will undertake it, as being the only means to restore the King without bloodshed (p. 355).

The Royalists gathered some consolation, however, from Cromwell's state of health. On September 7th, his Council refused an invitation to dine with the Lord Mayor of London, on the ground that his Highness's indisposition occasioned an addition of business which made them less at leisure (p. 324). On October 2nd, we hear from Cologne that a traveller lately come from England declares that he is so indisposed in mind and body that he cannot live long (p. 365).

An order in Council was issued 28th August for executing the laws already in being against the printing of unlicensed and scandalous books and pamphlets, and also restraining entirely the printing or publishing of books of news, except as authorized by the Protector and Council. This was the subject of much adverse comment. It was reported that his strict prohibition of "the printing of " news is a sure sign that his affairs at home and abroad " go not well" (p. 384).

Any external marks of disrespect to the Protector or his Government were, however, kept in strict check. Wm. Beck, a shipwright of Stepney, was committed to Newgate for saying that he hated the Protector as a perjurer, for vowing to maintain the right of the people without King or House of Lords, and, now that he has got the power into his own hands, punishing the godly and letting the wicked go free. However, after two months' imprisonment, he was released, on security to do nothing to the prejudice of the present Government (p. 154).

John Norbury, a lawyer, on behalf of his clients entitling themselves "the freeholders and well-affected of "England," penned a broad sheet, which was printed and distributed in the form of a petition to the Protector, requesting him to undertake certain reforms, and to summon a Parliament. Norbury was censured severely, and bade to call in all the undisposed copies, and have the type broken up. This was done, although the petition fully recognized the Protector's powers as chief magistrate in place of the late King (pp. 277–8, 281–2).

Sergeants Twisden and Maynard and Wadham Windham incurred censure for defending as counsel one Cony, who was summoned before the Upper Bench on a writ of *Habeas Corpus* for non-payment of customs. Twisden urged that no customs were due by Act of Parliament after March 1653, and that the Star Chamber being abolished, no subjects should now be imprisoned, nor their goods taken away, but on a legal trial by jury.

For this bold language the Attorney-General reprimanded him in court, and he and his fellows were called severally before Council, and all three lodged in the Tower, where, in spite of their petitions and protestations of innocence of intention, they were detained for some time (pp. 167–8, 179, 196). A naval officer observes that "lawyers, who heretofore played their game on all sides, "begin to have their part in suffering," and adds, "the "Lord, who can catch the wise in their own craftiness, "make it of use to us all; but gold will make them speak "anything" (p. 173).

In regard to the Protector's foreign policy, we are told that he countenances the Swedish King's designs against Poland, in order to divert the States of Holland, and prevent their forces from looking towards England (p. 281); and again that the King of Sweden and Cromwell have agreed on the invasion of the West Indies and Poland, and the two will fill Europe with trouble unless prevented (p. 316), both being "full of ambition, and too far off to "cross each other's designs" (p. 357), and Cromwell's greatest hopes lying in a conjunction with that King (p. 358).

This rumour of his close affinity with Sweden gathered strength from his great familiarity with the Swedish Ambassador in England. He had him as a frequent visitor, and often played at bowls with him (p. 316), and treated him with more honour than he had ever vouchsafed to an ambassador before (p. 348).

In favour of Sweden he also "wrote soundly, requiring "the States General or those of Holland to forbear sending any ships of war into the Baltic to disturb the "Swede's proceedings against Poland," and, writes Sec. Nicholas, "the States have most gallantly "submitted to his rebellious worship's order, and laid "aside their preparations to assist their friends in "Dantzic" (pp. 365, 374).

Two fleets had lately been sent out from England, one under General Blake, which had successfully performed its mission of freeing the Mediterranean Sea from pirates, especially about Algiers and Tunis. The other had been sent to the West Indies under Admiral Penn and General Venables, and Cromwell's policy as regards Spain hinged greatly on the issue of Penn and Venables' expedition. In May 1655, we are told "that he will not conclude with "France till assured of Penn's success in the West Indies, "and will amuse both France and Spain with a treaty, and "to prevent a peace between the two, will gain such an "advantage over one that that crown will not dare to "make peace without his consent;" and surprise is expressed that both parties do not appeal to the Pope's intervention to procure a peace rather than expose themselves to his "notorious insults" (p. 174), and "to basely "crouch and creep to such an upstart fellow and rebel as "Cromwell, who keeps them all in awe, and makes them "tremble for fear of his power and displeasure" (p. 221).

On May 10th, we hear that he amuses the King of Spain with hopes of reconciliation, to his further ruin (p. 281).

But the mask was soon thrown off, for Penn and Venables succeeded in the capture of Jamaica from Spain; they failed, however, in Hispaniola, and returned home without orders, thereby incurring the displeasure of the Protector, who thus was enabled to throw upon them the blame of the partial failure of the expedition (pp. 312, 343, 356–7, 364–5, 389, 396, 402–3).

On September 14th, surprise was expressed at the tardiness of the Spanish King in declaring war with England, as he must know what has been done against him in the West Indies (p. 335), but it was accounted for because, though overt acts of hostility had been committed within the tropics, Blake's Mediterranean fleet had refrained from any attack on the Spanish fleet there (p. 347).

A few days later, however, an order was issued in Spain to seize all the English ships in Spanish ports, and all the English estates in Spain (pp. 356, 358).

Hopes were entertained by the Royalists that, if the war should be declared in Flanders as it had been in Spain, Blake himself, or at least a portion of his fleet, might come into the ports of Flanders, to offer their service to Charles II. (pp. 365, 389). It was surmised that Blake, having failed to intercept the Spanish plate fleet, might be doubtful as to his reception, after hearing of the treatment of Penn and Venables, and might hesitate to trust himself in the Protector's power; but these doubts were soon set at rest by his arrival with his entire fleet at Portsmouth, and thence in the Downs (pp. 374, 548–9).

Meantime a rumour was diligently spread in England that Cromwell was preparing a fleet of 120 sail for the West Indies. This did not obtain ready credence, as the winter was approaching, and his want of men and money was well known, and it was considered a mere boast to cover the consciousness of defeat (pp. 385, 389).

An order was really issued on 19th October, so secretly that it was not permitted to appear on the Council order books, for the preparation and dispatch of 8 ships to the West Indies (p. 610).

The sequence of the contest with Spain belongs, however, to the two following years, and will be noticed in the succeeding volumes of this Calendar.

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Table of Attendances of the Protector's Council.

Names.	January 1654–5.										
	5	8	16	11	23	24	25	29	31	31	Totals 10.
Lord Protector Cromwell	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	5
President Lawrence	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	10
Desborow, Major-General	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	10
Fiennes, Colonel	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Jones, Colonel P.	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	8
Lambert, Major-General	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	7
Lisle, Viscount	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	6
Montague, Colonel	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	9
Mulgrave, Earl of	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	7
Pickering, Sir G.	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	3
Rous, Colonel Anth.	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	4
Skippon, Major-General	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	1
Strickland, W.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	9
Sydenham, Colonel	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	8
Wolsley, Sir Charles	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	7

Names.	February 1654–5.																					
	1	2	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	12	12	14	15	16	19	20	21	23	24	27	28	Totals 21.
Lord Protʳ. Cromwell	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	5
President Lawrence	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	21
Desborow, Major-Gen.	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	18
Fiennes, Colonel	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	18
Jones, Colonel P.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	17
Lambert, Major-Gen.	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	14
Lisle, Viscount	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	13
Montague, Colonel	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	10
Mulgrave, Earl of	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	17
Pickering, Sir G.	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	10
Rous, Colonel Anth.	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	12
Skippon, Major-Gen.	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	4
Strickland, W.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	18
Sydenham, Colonel	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	7
Wolsley, Sir Charles	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	16

Names.	March 1655.																						
	1	2	5	6	9	12	13	14	15	16	16	19	22	23	26	26	27	27	28	29	30	30	Totals 22.
Lᵈ. Protʳ. Cromwell	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	7
President Lawrence	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	8	*p*	*p*	22
Desborow, Maj.-Gen.	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
Fiennes, Colonel	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	20
Jones, Colonel P.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	20
Lambert, Maj.-Gen.	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	14
Lisle, Viscount	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	11
Montague, Colonel	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	16
Mulgrave, Earl of	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	12
Pickering, Sir G.	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	16
Rous, Colonel Anth.	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	10
Skippon, Maj.-Gen.	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	7
Strickland, W.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	20
Sydenham, Colonel	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	15
Wolsley, Sir Chas.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	19

Table of Attendances of the Protector's Council—*cont.*

Names.	April 1655.																		Totals 18.
	3	4	4	5	6	6	10	12	13	17	18	19	20	23	24	24	26	27	
Lord Protector Cromwell	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	4
President Lawrence	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	18
Desborow, Major-General	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4
Fiennes, Colonel	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	16
Jones, Colonel P.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	13
Lambert, Major-General	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	11
Lisle, Viscount	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	–	7
Montague, Colonel	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	14
Mulgrave, Earl of	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	11
Pickering, Sir G.	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	7
Rous, Colonel Anth.	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	8
Skippon, Major-General	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	6
Strickland, W.	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	13
Sydenham, Colonel	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	12
Wolsley, Sir Charles	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	14

Names.	May 1655.																				Totals 20.
	1	2	3	4	8	9	10	11	16	17	18	18	22	22	23	24	25	29	30	31	
Lord Prot^{r}. Cromwell	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7
President Lawrence	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	20
Desborow, Maj.-Gen.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	16
Fiennes, Colonel	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	19
Jones, Colonel P.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	20
Lambert, Major-Gen.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	12
Lisle, Viscount	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	13
Montague, Colonel	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	17
Mulgrave, Earl of	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	12
Pickering, Sir G.	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	8
Rous, Colonel Anth.	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	12
Skippon, Major-Gen.	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3
Strickland, W.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	16
Sydenham, Colonel	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	20
Wolsley, Sir Charles	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	16

Names.	June 1655.																			Totals 19.
	1	5	6	7	8	9	12	12	13	13	15	19	20	22	26	27	27	28	29	
Lord Protector Cromwell	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	8
President Lawrence	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	19
Desborow, Major-General	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
Fiennes, Colonel	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	3
Jones, Colonel P.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	17
Lambert, Major-General	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	15
Lisle, Viscount	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	16
Montague, Colonel	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	17
Mulgrave, Earl of	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	18
Pickering, Sir G.	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	13
Rous, Colonel Anth.	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	13
Skippon, Major-General	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	7
Strickland, W.	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	13
Sydenham, Colonel	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	19
Wolsley, Sir Charles	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	18

Tables of Attendances of the Protector's Council—*cont.*

Names.	July 1655.																			
	3	4	5	6	6	10	11	12	12	13	17	19	19	20	24	24	26	27	31	Totals 19.
Lord Protector Cromwell -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	11
President Lawrence - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	19
Desborow, Major-General -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	7
Fiennes, Colonel - -	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	7
Jones, Colonel P. - -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Lambert, Major-General -	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	17
Lisle, Viscount - - -	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	17
Montague, Colonel - -	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	14
Mulgrave, Earl of - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	17
Pickering, Sir G. - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	18
Rous, Colonel Anth. - -	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	10
Skippon, Major-General -	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	3
Strickland, W. - - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	17
Sydenham, Colonel - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	17
Wolsley, Sir Charles - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	13

Names.	August 1655.																		
	1	2	2	3	7	9	10	14	15	16	17	21	22	24	24	28	29	30	Totals 18.
Lord Protector Cromwell -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	11
President Lawrence - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	16
Desborow, Major-General	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	8
Fiennes, Colonel - -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0
Jones, Colonel P. - -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	5
Lambert, Major-General -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	17
Lisle, Viscount - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p**	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	13
Montague, Colonel - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	14
Mulgrave, Earl of - -	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p**	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	9
Pickering, Sir Geo. - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	17
Rous, Colonel Anth. -	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	9
Skippon, Major-General -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	–	9
Strickland, W. - - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	17
Sydenham, Colonel - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	14
Wolsley, Sir Charles -	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	12

Names.	September 1655.																	
	3	4	5	6	7	11	12	13	14	18	19	20	21	25	26	27	28	Totals 17.
Lord Protector Cromwell -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	3
President Lawrence -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	17
Desborow, Major-General -	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	8
Fiennes, Colonel - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	16
Jones, Colonel P. - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	17
Lambert, Major-General -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	16
Lisle, Viscount - - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	14
Montague, Colonel - -	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	5
Mulgrave, Earl of - -	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	10
Pickering, Sir G. - -	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	15
Rous, Colonel Anth. -	–	–	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	7
Skippon, Major-General -	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	–	*p*	7
Strickland, W. - -	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	8
Sydenham, Colonel - -	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	11
Wolsley, Sir Charles - -	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	12

* President *pro tem.* in absence of Lawrence.—Ed.

Table of Attendances of the Protector's Council—*cont.*

NAMES.	OCTOBER 1655.																						Totals 22.
	2		4	5	9	10	11	12	17	17	19	19	20	23	24	25	25	26	26	30	31	31	
L^{d}. Prot^{r}. Cromwell-	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	15
President Lawrence	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	22
Desborow, Maj.-Gen.	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	19
Fiennes, Colonel -	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	15
Jones, Colonel P. -	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	21
Lambert, Maj.-Gen.	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	16
Lisle, Viscount -	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	13
Montague, Colonel -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	2
Mulgrave, Earl of -	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	14
Pickering, Sir G. -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	20
Rous, Colonel Anth.	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	–	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	–	11
Skippon, Maj.-Gen.-	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	*p*	*p*	–	5
Strickland, W. -	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	21
Sydenham, Colonel -	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	–	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	*p*	20
Wolsley, Sir Chas. -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0

TOTAL ATTENDANCES OF THE PROTECTOR'S COUNCIL.

	1655.										
MONTHS - -	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Totals.
No. of Sittings held -	10	21	22	18	20	19	19	18	17	22	186
Lord Protector Cromwell -	5	5	7	4	7	8	11	11	3	15	76
President Lawrence - -	10	21	22	18	20	19	19	16	17	22	184
Desborow, Major-General -	10	18	4	4	16	1	7	8	8	19	95
Fiennes, Colonel - -	8	18	20	16	19	3	7	0	16	15	122
Jones, Colonel P. - -	8	17	20	13	20	17	0	5	17	21	138
Lambert, Major-General -	7	14	14	11	12	15	17	17	16	16	139
Lisle, Viscount - - -	6	13	11	7	13	16	17	13	14	13	123
Montague, Colonel - -	9	10	16	14	17	17	14	14	5	2	118
Mulgrave, Earl of - -	7	17	12	11	12	18	17	9	10	14	127
Pickering, Sir G. - -	3	10	16	7	8	13	18	17	15	20	127
Rous, Colonel Anth. - -	4	12	10	8	12	13	10	9	7	11	96
Skippon, Major-General -	1	4	7	6	3	7	3	9	7	5	52
Strickland, W. - - -	9	18	20	13	16	13	17	17	8	21	152
Sydenham, Colonel - -	8	7	15	12	20	19	17	14	11	20	143
Wolsley, Sir Charles - -	7	16	19	14	16	18	13	12	12	0	127

DOMESTIC PAPERS.

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Jan. 2. **1.** Petition of Thos. Kelsey, lieutenant; John Raven, clerk; and Rich. Henly, bodar of Dover Castle; Dr. Wm. Walker, judge of the Admiralty; and Thos. St. Nicholas, steward of the Court of Chancery of the Cinque Ports, to the Protector, for an order for payment of their arrears for service. With reference thereon to Council, 6th Dec. 1654. [⅔ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

1. I. *Statement by Phil. Darell, auditor, of the yearly fees due to Dr. Walker and other officers of Dover Castle, some of which are in arrear since* 1649, 1650, *or* 1651.—29 *Dec.* 1654. [⅔ *page.*]

1. II. *Statement of the arrears due to the petitioners. Total,* 226*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* [½ *page.*]

Jan. 2. **2.** Reference thereon to Gen. Desborow, Col. Montague, Mr. Strickland, Col. Fiennes, and Sir Chas. Wolsley, to consider how the pensions became due, and what is truly in arrear, and report [¾ *page; also I.* 75, p. 635.]

Jan. 2. **3, 4.** Petition of Lady Marg. Levingston, Bridget Bray, Judith Hobson, and Frances Blunden, to the Protector. We beg your warrant to Mr. Frost to continue us our weekly allowance of 4*l.* [*See* 19 May 1654.] We have no other subsistence, though we have 4,000*l.* in arrear on our patents, and we are fully within the charity of your speech to Council, desiring them to act for God, and to relieve the distresses of the poor and needy. With reference thereon to Council, 20 Dec. 1654. [1 *page.* 2 *copies.*]

Jan. 2. Note of the petition being read in Council, but no order. [*See* 25 *Jan. infra.*; *I.* 75, *page* 636.]

Jan. 2. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on a report from the Admiralty Commissioners on the trust and care incumbent on the Navy Treasurer, Rich. Hutchinson, that he be allowed, for salary of himself and instruments, 1,500*l.* yearly from 1 Jan. 1654–5; also 100*l.* for every 100,000*l.* issued by him above 700,000*l.*, for all which the Navy Commissioners are to sign warrants. Approved, 5 Jan.

2. The Admiralty Commissioners being empowered to execute any further orders to be given them by the Protector and Council, are hereby empowered to give warrants to the Navy Treasurer for payment of the salaries of the Ordnance officers and clerks, to consider the best means of regulating the said office, and to give directions therein. Approved, 5 Jan.

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Jan. 2. Council. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

3. Direction given to Mr. Jessop, on a report from the Admiralty Commissioners of the charge of the Navy for this winter and the following summer, viz.,

Debts in the Navy Office, stores on contracts depending or required between 21 Dec. last, and 31 March 1655; and the charge of 8,000 men to be employed in 60 ships, from 1 April to 31 Sept. 1655; total, 850,610*l.*

Ordnance charge for 60 ships for six months, gunpowder and shot excepted, 63,208*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*

Gen. Blake and Penn's squadrons, from 25 March to 1 Oct. 1655, if so long continued, 108,919*l.*

1,000 men's victuals above the 8,000 named in the former estimate, if they are required, 26,800*l.*

4. The letter of Pierre Ernest, Conte de Paar, of Jan. 1, complaining of outrages committed against him in his own lodgings, referred to Desborow, Pickering, and Strickland, to examine the matter, call witnesses, and report.

5. Order—on petition of Major Francis Allen, for the church at Wantage and Grove, co. Berks, and on a narrative from divers inhabitants, and a copy of an order of the late Council of State, of June 4, 1653,—that liberty be given to the congregation of the church to meet when they like for religious exercises in the Town Hall of Wantage, and the village house in Grove, when they are not used for keeping of courts, and the stewards of the courts to notice this. Approved, 5 Jan.

6. Order—on petition of Rich. Prosser, master of the Susan of London, lately taken in his voyage from Malaga by the French, and kept close prisoner at Brest, and his release refused unless in exchange for Francis Eastmond, prisoner at Plymouth,—that the commissioners for the French Treaty consider the matter, and move the French Ambassador to order his liberty.

8. Strickland to give direction for the entertainment of the Genoese Ambassador, and particularly to direct Fleming to have Sir Abr. Williams' house prepared for him.

10, 11. The Genoese Ambassador to be allowed a diet of 50 dishes for the first and second courses, and 30 dishes of fruit and sweetmeats for each meal; also to have a convenient allowance for the tables of his followers, and to be entertained 7 meals.

12, 13. Mr. Bond to provide the plate, and six messengers of Council to attend to carry up the dishes and wait at table.

14. Cooper and Strickland to receive him, and conduct him to his lodgings. [*I.* 75, *pages* 633–636.]

[Jan. 3.] **5.** Order by the Protector and Council, that—as of late there have been great frauds on the treasuries by forged debentures and counterfeit warrants, by means of which great sums of money and much land have been given for payment of debts never contracted,— * * * be empowered to examine the same, and particularly to bring before them Abr. Granger and Joshua Fugill, prisoners in

Newgate, [Rob.] Manley and [Lieut.-Col. John] White, and others in custody with the serjeant-at-arms and elsewhere on this account, and examine them, receiving from the Admiralty Commissioners all papers relating thereto.

They are also to order the registrar's clerks and other officers at Gurney House, the Prize Office, Worcester House, and Drury House, to bring before them their records and papers, and the several trustees are to observe the said orders.

They are also to secure all persons suspected to have acted in or countenanced these frauds. The serjeant-at-arms attending Council and keepers of Newgate and the Gatehouse are to obey their orders, and they are to report from time to time to Council. [*Draft*, 2¼ *pages.*]

Jan. 3. **6.** Information given in on behalf of the Commonwealth, that the Admiralty Commissioners committed Joshua Fugill for receiving 300*l.* on false notes out of the Prize Office. Fugill made his escape, and sent in prisoner Abraham Granger, who was committed to Newgate, since which Granger has caused Fugill to be brought prisoner there also; he is kept by Granger close, without pen, ink, or paper, for fear of his evidence against him.

Fugill has confessed that Granger cheated the Commonwealth of 2,000*l.* since he was committed to Newgate. That Granger has kept a coiner, brought out of Holland, and has dealt in vending and manufacturing false coin. That within a year, he has forged 12,000*l.* of false bills, besides what he has cheated the Commonwealth of out of the Treasury. That by his money, he has full sway of the officers in Newgate, and causes any that he conceives may be evidence against him to be apprehended and kept close prisoners, and reveals none that had any hand in his cheats.

His man, John Wheeler, is daily employed to fetch money on false notes out of the Treasury, and he has formerly received money on false notes out of the Prize Office. Granger makes his brag that the Protector has saved him for his parts, and that Parliament taught him to swear and forswear, or else he had not lived, and that he values not an oath.

If the State's Solicitor may have orders to indict Granger and Wheeler, all this may be proved on oath; Fugill being first examined, there will be sufficient witnesses to prove all the other matter.

The witnesses who heard Fugill affirm all the foregoing against Granger were Fras. Farrington, Thos. Westrow, and Matthias Ryley. [2 *pages.*]

[Jan. 3.] **7.** Petition of Abr. Granger to Major-Gen. Desborow, Admiral at sea, and one of the Admiralty Commissioners. I thank you for your assurance of mercy, and glorify God who has led me to abandon all human help by defence in law, and throw myself on the mercy of one who has so large a share in the government and defence of the Commonwealth. And now, at your command, I present you my

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abilities to prevent growing evils, and to find out what has already been done to the State's prejudice, whereunto I propound—

1. To be a means to prevent all further sinister practices on the treasuries; and if on trial of my integrity, you give me any further trust, I will show how useful I can be.

2. I will discover all false and counterfeit debentures, so that the bad being thrown out of all doublings and purchasings, the true may be bought and passed, and thus most of the true ones remaining unsold and unpaid in the soldiers' hands will be brought in, and the State acquitted from such vast claims.

3. I will discover all false and counterfeit public faith bills, of which many are passed and doubled upon, and many now in claim, and thus the State will be freed from thousands of false debts.

4. I will endeavour to discover and apprehend the persons concerned therein, some of whom may have estates from which to give satisfaction. I will be just without connivance or favour, and if you will keep my secret, I hope soon to give a good account of my endeavours.

I have a deep sense of my former offences and misspent time, but hope to redeem the time lost. I will consecrate my days to the State's interest, if I may have the least hope of a livelihood, and I will put in security for my fidelity, but all consists in sudden execution. I could satisfy you better if I saw you only in person. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 5. **8.** Petition of Thos. Marshall, collector of customs at Rye, to the Committee of Council to whom his case was referred, for repayment of 31*l.* 5*s.* disbursed by him on an Order of Council of August 8th, 1654, and others of older date, for relief of foreign seamen taken by the State's ships, and to be transported to France. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing.*

8. i. *Account by Marshall of Frenchmen taken coming from the bank with fish, to whom he has paid* 6*d. a day, as ordered, during their stay at Rye for passage to Dieppe. Total,* 22*l.* 17*s.* [1 *page. Endorsed with note of an order of* 9 *Sept.* 1658.]

Jan. 5. Council. Day's Proceedings.

Approval by his Highness of four orders presented by Mr. Jessop, of 12 Dec. 1654, and 2 Jan. 1654–5. [*I.* 75, *page* 637.]

Jan. 6. Lambeth House. **9.** Robert Manley to Col. Clarke. The sadness of my condition, and my long imprisonment, have caused me to apply to you, and rather because you promised my cousin Manley, the postmaster, and some others, that I should have a speedy hearing. Do not forget those in durance, and especially myself, who am so near my undoing—being a merchant, and living upon my credit—to remain here week by week, and nothing said to me touching debentures (things I have not dealt in these two years, and then to my great loss), neither can any man of integrity or honesty charge me with any falsity therein. Move for a speedy hearing; when I shall disprove my informers, or get liberty on bail, that I may follow my occasions, to avoid perishing myself, and my wife and children.

Being a young man, my creditors come upon me, and if I am not enlarged, they will in time disable me for ever to give satisfaction to any, I being a debtor to the State in 500*l*., and should have paid it just at my apprehension; besides, the State is yearly the better by me 1000*l*., and I am therefore no bad Commonwealth man, and this pretence against me not worth a penny. [1 *page*.]

Jan. 6. **10.** Propositions for discovering false debentures, brought in by Mr. Holding, the messenger.

The Registrars' Accountants in Drury House, Worcester House, and Gurney House, to keep distinct registers of all sums doubled by any person, with their names and places of abode; and the public faith bills or debentures upon which every person doubled to be particularly distinguished by the clerks.

Upon vouching of any sum to be doubled, the person doubling carries the register book to the treasurer's clerk, who, on payment of as much money as there was public faith bills or debentures vouched and left with the Registrar's Accountant, makes out to the party doubling a receipt or double bill, which charges the Commonwealth and the securities given by the several Acts and Ordinances of Parliament. So as if A purchase lands value 1,000*l*. upon delivery of a double bill of 1,000*l*. to the treasurers, it makes payment of the 1,000*l*. purchase money.

Now for the better discovery of any fraud, and the authors thereof, by doubling upon false bills or debentures, or forging the same, take the voucher books at the Registrar's Accountant's Office, and see particularly what sums have been doubled, and the person by whom it was done, and call for the bills or debentures which they doubled upon, and examine whether such bills or debentures were their own, or from whence they had them, and what securities were given for making them good.

If the person doubling doubled upon his own public faith bills or debentures, it appears by the treasurer's receipt books that gave the public faith bills, or by the Registry or Commissioner's books that stated and signed the debentures, whether they be true or false.

If the party doubling bought his bills or debentures, it was at his peril if they were nought or false, and therefore fitting he should produce the person of whom he bought them, or their securities, or make them good, if it appears that they were counterfeit; but this may prove a little too severe if care be not taken.

If the person doubling cannot be found out, then search must be made with the treasurers and comptrollers how the double bill has been applied, and by whom, and the purchaser to whom such double bill was assigned must produce the person assigning, if he can; for men are very cautious of buying double bills, unless they know the person they deal with, they being of such great value. And in all these cases, by driving on the business, and causing the person doubling to produce the party from whom he received his bills or debentures, and such person produced to do the like to the first sellers, and their several securities, it will soon be fixed upon the forgers.

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For the more effectual doing thereof, if all the bills and debentures be methodically so listed that they may be reduced again without confusion into the several offices, as they are recorded, and the several assignments concerning the same; and if all the public faith bills be sent back to their proper committees, or other authorities by which they were granted, to be compared with their several treasuries and books of receipt, and also all the debentures to the proper Commissioners of the several counties by whom they were stated and signed, it will, at least for the greatest part, easily be distinguished by them which are true and which are false.

Although it would be convenient to make the best use that may be of those known rogues in custody, by getting lists of the persons they have dealt with, and of what bills or debentures they have forged and sold, yet probably, if other means be not used, the greatest defrauders, who are able to supply them with money to support their riot and excess, shall be concealed, and the lesser offenders, or persons unable to make the State satisfaction, shall be discovered by them, and many innocent persons too, if care be not taken, may be utterly undone. For if they who have so grossly cheated the State can so far insinuate with the State's officers as to credit them, such officers, without great circumspection, will be deluded, and rather made the executioners of those villains' malice and revenge upon innocent persons, than instruments of righting the soldiery, whose blood has been a mere prey to those vermin. For there will be neither forgery nor perjury wanting to drive on their sinister ends, rather than cordially make such discoveries as will be to the purpose, and which may be done without them, though the trouble and charge be the greater.

To manage this affair, if there should be a committee of three or four persons of known honesty, and uninterested in buying and selling bills or debentures, or any lands exposed to sale by the State, with as many officers so qualified as could carry on the work, they might soon detect the greatest part of the fraud and the persons offending, and if it produced no other good than to make the offenders and their securities give satisfaction, as far as they are able, and rid the nation of the offenders, it were worth the labour and charge. [3½ *pages.*]

Jan. ? **10***a*. Petition of Wm. Hamilton, late Captain, to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have been imprisoned nine weeks; my wife cannot help me, being old, sickly, living far off, and forsaken by her customers, because of a scandalous report of the Cavalier party that I have cheated the State of 10,000*l.*, which makes men fearful to be bound for me. I beg release on my own bond in 100*l.*, that my enemies may not exult over me, and gain my credit which is my life. [¾ *page.*]

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Whitehall. **11.** Col. Thos. Kelsey to [Council]. I gave in a caveat against Mr. Bridock, who is presented to Witney in Oxfordshire by Wm. Lenthall, Speaker of Parliament.

1. Upon a complaint of some honest men of Witney that he was a Cavalier, and a dull preacher.

2. I find that he was chaplain to the late Earl of Derby, and was in Latham House, a garrison for the king.

3. He was desired by Dr. Jno. Gurdon to preach at Peter's, Westminster, but Mr. Strong, then preacher there, refused to suffer such a person to preach in his pulpit; afterwards the Governors gave leave, but his preaching of unsound doctrine gave much dissatisfaction, and as Mr. Scobell states, was little less than Popery.

4. He was afterwards sent to Long Molton Parish, Norfolk, but being disliked, Mr. Gurdon wrote Mr. Scobell to prevent his being settled there.

5. Col. Fothergill, M.P., a gentleman of Norfolk, told me that his sermons were stuffed with many sentences out of Grotius and some Jewish Rabbis, and very dull and unprofitable, and that the honest people were much troubled at his being there. The Colonel coming to London made enquiry after him, and found by Thomas Browne, Grocer in Wood Street, that a customer of his living in Warrington, in Lancashire, was taken prisoner, and carried to Latham House, where Bridock was, and Bridock wished the late Earl of Derby to hang him up, saying he was a Puritanical rogue.

6. Bridock has promised that he would never come to settle in Witney without consent of the honest people there, which people are very much troubled at his coming, as appears by a certificate in your hands. All these things I have on information, not knowing the person nor any of the particulars myself, but leave it to your grave consideration. [2 *pages.*]

Jan. 9. **12.** John Langhorne to [Jos. Williamson]. I thank you for the pains bestowed on your scholar; you shall be recompensed at the end of the quarter. I would gladly have him get logic and Greek, wherein I understand you are excellent. The New Testament I could send him, with the Greek and Latin, and as many logic books as are usual abroad. You shall hear from us when the days are longer and the weather fair to pass the seas. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 9. **13.** Examination of Col. White and Abr. Granger, before the Admiralty Commissioners. White says he knows Granger; when Parliament first exposed the estates of Delinquents to sale, White was employed by several persons to buy some of the lands, and purchased to the value of 40,000*l.* or 50,000*l.*, at which time there were a company of people called bill brokers that frequented Drury House, and had their design upon all purchasers, to take off their bills from them, to double upon the said lands. Amongst the rest were Crane, Turke, Fugill, and Cannon, who solicited examinant to buy bills of them, but he, apprehending danger, refused, and advised his clients rather to purchase upon bills already doubled.

Capt. Kettleton introduced him to Granger, who came to him at the Gun in Sheere Lane, a place of resort by examinant and his clients, and desired his assistance in buying in an annuity of 50*l.* a year, during the life of one Greene, on lands belonging to Fras. Coventry, pretending that he was a stranger from Holland, and ignorant how to proceed, and promised, upon effecting the business, to give him half. Undertook the business, but upon applying to

Fras. Coventry, he found Greene was dead, and nothing further was done therein.

Had several meetings with Granger, who proposed the selling of 2 debentures belonging to 2 soldiers related to a friend of his who had come from Holland, and owed Granger money; was unwilling to deal with him, as he had been under a cloud, but being earnestly importuned by him, said he would go with the 2 soldiers to Drury House, and if the clerks approved them, give as much for the debentures as any other. Granger brought him the soldiers, who delivered the debentures for 130*l.* and 190*l.* Took them to Mr. Latimer at Drury House, who thought they were good; notwithstanding, told Granger that the soldiers being strangers, he could only deal on security to save him harmless. This being promised, at Granger's request he gave one of them 40*s.*, in part of the debenture of 190*l.*, as he was to give for it 15*d.* in the pound. Granger brought an assignment of one of the debentures, and promised security before payment of any more money; wanting the moiety of 140*l.* to double upon a purchase, Granger brought him an assignment from the other soldier of the greater bill, with a warrant of attorney authorising Granger to seal and deliver it, and to bring a note for the rest of the money due upon the former bill. Doubting the assignment, refused it, unless Granger brought the party with security; delivered the bill to Mr. Latimer, but never proceeded further, nor used any other sum than the moiety of 140*l.* upon the other debenture, and had no further or other dealing with him.

Confesses he told Granger that he feared he traded in false debentures, and proffered him, if he would confess and leave off, to endeavour to make his peace with some in authority, but he would not listen to it. Granger accuses him because he would not send him money.

Examination of Abr. Granger. Quick came to him with a message from White to meet him, when White proposed a way of getting 800*l.* out of the country, that was gathered for the excise, knowing one of the clerks of excise who would assist. White said that if he brought any bills alone, he would get them passed; dealt with him for 4 or 5, and White owes him 20*l.*, as he sold several to Mr. Greene. Had several other meetings with White, and twice about the annuity, and White would have received more debentures of him if he had liked to trust him.

White upon re-examination could not deny his meetings with Granger and Quick, but denies the proposal of getting the excise money, or any conference upon such a subject; admits that he became acquainted with Quick at Drury House, and met Granger 4 or 5 times, partly about the annuity, having made 7 or 8 journies before he could meet with Mr. Coventry. Sent Granger 20*s.* on his earnest importunity, since he has been in prison, but has not had any dealings with him for 22 months. [2¼ *pages.*]

Jan. 9. **14.** Examination of Robert Manley, Merchant, before the Admiralty Commissioners. Knows Joshua Fugill, but has had no dealings

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with him or any other these two years about debentures. Bought 1,000*l.* worth, which, being found counterfeit, was forced to make them good. Knew Granger by the name of Gurdon, and bought a debenture of 180*l.* of him; but never gave less than 1*s.* or 1*s.* 6*d.* in the 1*l.* for what he bought.

Granger, being called in, affirms that Manley acted with him in putting off several parcels of counterfeited debentures, when he went under the name of Gurdon, and that they had several meetings; and that White paid him 6*d.* in the 1*l.* for debentures bought of him.

Also examination of Joshua Fugill. Five years ago, he dealt in false debentures, for which he was imprisoned by the then Council of State, and released on bail, Mr. Lloyd and Clever, a bricklayer in Barbican, being bound for him.

Twelve months since, told Sedgwick, Marsh, and others, that the State had been wronged to the value of 500,000*l.* by false debentures. Demonstrated the same by petition to Council, who were satisfied of the feasibleness thereof, but did not conceive it a fit season to proceed therein.

As soon as the Protector had accepted the government, a petition was presented to Council by Sedgwick, which produced an order for drawing up an Ordinance for discovery of the cheats; it has since been moved in the House by Mr. Bunckley and Col. Birch, that the books at Drury House, &c., might be secured, and they have told examinant that they would secure them.

Manley had 3,000*l.* worth of bills and debentures from him which he knew to be counterfeited, and was to sell them for him, and retain ⅓, and the other ⅔ to go to examinant and Granger; but he has only paid him 150*l.* Greenway and Major Stevens have been with Granger since he was last in Newgate, and Stevens has lately received money from the office of the Navy Treasurer.

Manley, on re-examination, says that he knows nothing of such a division upon sale of debentures as alleged by Fugill; but that most of the bills or debentures that he had put into the offices were returned, and he was fain to make good their value. Fugill acknowledges that 1,500*l.* worth were returned, but he did not receive any money for them of Manley.

Manley says he paid money for them, and has since demanded it, but could not receive it. He acknowledges he knew the debentures were false, and being asked why he dealt therein, replied that when he was once involved by false ones, and had paid money for making them good, he had reason to help himself thereby.

Being further asked what became of the 1,500*l.* worth of false debentures, he replied that part of them remain in Drury House, and the rest were burnt. [1¾ *pages.*]

Jan. 9. **15.** Shorthand notes of the preceding examinations. [3½ *pages.*]

Jan. 10. **16.** Abr. Granger to Col. Clarke. I send a list of those persons whom I can charge, with their descriptions and abodes. I have

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spared none, and if I am found guilty of any connivance, snatch away the mercy shown me. I have no other desire than to prove my integrity, and wipe off the stains of my offences, and to be thought worthy of some employment, that I may gain an honest livelihood, and be made once more a member of the community.

Pray think of my delivery out of the sad death of this lingering imprisonment, which will be my utter ruin. I have lived six weeks on what I have pawned, and must soon fall into misery.

Send for me that I may show a way to prevent falsity by warrants, and secure the treasuries, till further order be taken in forming accounts. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

16. I. *List of persons concerned in counterfeit public faith bills and debentures, with details of their proceedings therein, and of the sums raised thereon:*

	£
Mat. Nicolls, Bartlett's Court, Holborn -	2,000
Phil. Stephens, Dunghill Lane, Thames St. -	3,000
Wm. Crane, Greyhound, nr. Doctors' Commons	1,000
Wm. Brotherton, Raven, Fetter Lane, but now removed - - - - -	400

Col. John Jackson, engaged in this sea expedition with Col. Venables.
John Walthew, Deptford, nr. Greenwich.
Mrs. Lovell, Gardener's Lane, Westminster.
Capt. Cannon.
Hen. Batson, Shoe Lane, Brewer's Yard.
John Quick, Alley near Cripplegate.
Rich. Hill, near Fulham.
John Chadwick, Bartlett's Court, Holborn.
Col. Geo. Key, Marsgoodin, co. Monmouth.
Peter Gifford, Wotton, co. Bedford.
John Scarrow, near the Piazza, Covent Garden.
Isaac Wilmore, Maidstone, Kent.
John de Boatmore, Frenchman, Axe Yard, King St.
Edw. Aldrich, Gardener's Lane, Westminster.
Edw. Turke, Turk's Head, Moore Lane, or Chiswick St.
Thos. Cotton, White Horse, New Market Place.
Nich. Greenway, address not known, and cannot discover him, being my wife's brother.
Barnes & Stead, often at Turk's Head, Moorfields.
Edw. Herbert & Thomas Thoroughgood, Fenchurch St.
Sam. Edwards, the Soldier, Minories.
Fras. Farrington.
—— Paynter is John Granger, my brother, and had a hand in my betraying.
Fugill, Manley, and White, taken.
Col. John White, did live at the Alley in Shoe Lane.

Mrs. Lovell and Capt. Cannon have been eminent dealers, and have sold a vast number. I cannot accuse them directly, but Col. Keyes' wife said Mrs. Lovell helped in the vending of

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some of those that Col. Keyes had of me. Cannon was once at a dinner where were none but those who dealt in these falsities. They should be summoned to give security to answer for their conduct. When I can search the offices of Gurney, Worcester, and Drury Houses, I shall find matter enough against them and others.

There are some of higher note whom I dare not name, because I had no dealing with them; but Hill, Batson, and Fugill had. There was a daily dinner of 7 *or* 8 *of them, and they told me they never passed a bill without* 1*d. or* 2*d. in the pound, for their word was "Come, come, " you some, and I some."*

Greene, who was mostly with them, is registrar accountant at Drury House, and is now worth 20,000*l. or* 30,000*l. Mr. Tandy, examiner at their offices, has grown to a vast estate. Fugill could accuse him. Hill, Fugill, Batson, and Keyes know many more.*

The search of the offices will produce a much larger discovery than can now be imagined. I should have advised this search first, and then the persons could have been seized, and their charge produced without controversy. If I may examine the purchases in the offices, I can quickly throw out the false bills, and find what persons there are guilty. Many pretend to this discovery, and expect great profit thereby, but they know much less than I do of these things.—10 *Jan.* 1654–5. *Endorsed, Granger's last information.* [9 *pages.*]

16. II. *Articles between Abr. Granger and Nich. Greenway:*

(1.) *I, Granger, will not, by word, sign, or token, reveal our transaction or design without your consent.*

(2.) *I will not act anything without your knowledge and consent.*

(3.) *I will conceal nothing from you in any matter in which you, or any by your means, have been an instrument for procuring any paper or writing conducing to any design; but you shall have your full proportion of any benefit therefrom.*

(4.) *I will seduce none of your agents to promote our joint business, but encourage it as far as lies in my power.*

(5.) *In any profit that may arise I will employ you before any other, if I can do so without prejudice to myself, provided you only meddle with your own share, and accept such share as I allot you, and keep the matter secret, even if I should not again use you in it.*

(6.) *I will not seduce any persons from holding favour or friendship with you, but encourage them.*

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(7.) *Proviso that as to what I find and prosecute by myself, I only enjoy the profit.*

And if I reveal in any way what has passed between us, I hope that I may have no prosperity in this world, and that it may come against me at the last judgment. Endorsed "For Col. "Clarke.—This is a copy of articles between "Granger and his confederates." [1¼ *pages.*]

Jan. 10. Press Yard, Newgate. **17.** Jos. Fugill to Col. Clarke. How vile my actions have presented me is plain; but my education from my youth (and until I fell amongst ill company and to this evil way) was amongst the godly, who had great hope of me; for in seven years I was not heard to swear or delight in vain discourse or ungodly actions. But since I fell from this good company, by the inducements of Col. Geo. Keyes, Mr. Granger, and others, I have run into all sorts of vanity; yet God has not cut the thread of my life, but has called after me to turn from my ways; and, as Manoah's wife said to her husband, so say I, If God had an intent to destroy me, he would not have showed me those gracious dispensations of Providence. Though I be at the pit's brink of hell (as, if I believe my ears, I am, it being nothing but oaths and blasphemy on the common side), yet I will go to my Father, and say I have sinned, &c., and it may be the gate of mercy is not yet shut; but I will have no nay, and, with Esther, go to the King, and if I perish, will perish at his feet, and desire your prayers for my poor soul.

Twelve months since, I made known the cheat upon the Commonwealth to divers gentlemen, and Mr. Sedgwick, a Counsellor, prosecuted it, and went to Gen. Desborow; I then desired Mr. Granger to join and assist me in it, but he refused. Last July, when we were in a fair way to gain what was required, viz., a Committee of Inquiry, to find out the fraud of at least 500,000*l.*, Granger came to my lodging and proposed another fraud, which poverty prompted me to accept, but I was taken in it, as he had been blasted before, and I think he did it to prevent my design. I am much troubled that you should lop the boughs, when, if you cut down the tree, the branches fall by consequence. If you appoint some men of trust to seize all the books in Gurney and Worcester House, by comparing them you may find out the fraud; for I can sort out of all sorts, and know herrings from pilchards, and by that track I will go to every man's door. As, for example, Mr. Manley, which, point blank, will be but 1,500*l.* proved, when by this way I will find out 5,000*l.*, and so of others, which are worth at least 30,000*l.* or 40,000*l.*, and where it is probable not above 1,000*l.* can be proved as you proceed.

You promised to send for me, and I am sorry you should be at so much trouble, when, if I had my liberty as Mr. Granger has, I could put you in an easier way; and if I abused it, you might hang me up to the prison door. I will not send away material witnesses, as Granger has done. If he pleases he can give a good discovery of the frauds upon the treasuries; and if he were partial, I could give a good guess.

Rich. Hill, who has been a great cheat in most kinds, told me there was a trade going on to renew leases relating to Crown, Dean and Chapter, and delinquents' lands, and make them of a longer date; I know Granger can take two or ten lines out of any lease, and put in what he pleases, so as the witnesses or any one else would believe it all to be one hand and ink. I hope you will ask him about this; I want none of his help, but desire he does not hinder me. It is true he gives me meat and drink, but I will not sell my birthright for a mess of pottage; and if he were my father I would not spare or wink at him. I know I shall want victuals as soon as I come to justify to his face some of these things. Capt. Dike is his friend. [3 *pages.*]

Jan. 10. Articles of agreement between Gen. Monk and Thos. Mackenye, laird of Pluscardine, in behalf of Kenneth, Earl of Seaforth:

(1.) The earl and his party to come to a place near Inverness, to be appointed by Col. Fitch, within 30 days, and deliver up their arms, giving him 24 hours' notice.

(2.) The earl to give security in 6,000*l.*, within 30 days after delivering up arms, for his and his clan's peaceable deportment; and those under him who have lands, and his officers, to give security, and the soldiers their engagements to like purpose.

(3.) His house at Ellendolla to be delivered up to be garrisoned by his Highness' forces whenever demanded, and the earl and his security to be bound for its delivery, as well as for his deportment.

(4.) The officers to march away with horses and swords, and the soldiers with horses, which they are to sell in three weeks, and to have passes to their homes. The earl and his clan to have liberty to carry arms for their own defence against broken men and thieves within their own bounds.

(5.) The earl and all his party (except those who have killed men in cold blood) shall enjoy their estates without molestation, any act in the late wars since 1648 notwithstanding, they submitting to the common burdens. Proviso that Alex. Chisholme, of Colmer, Keneth Mackeneth, of Coole, John Mackenye-orde, and Alex. Mackenye are not to have indemnity for their connivance or assistance in any damage sustained by the laird of Fowlis, or his kinsmen, or tenants; but they, their tenants, and servants are to be answerable therefor at a court-martial, and make satisfaction of what shall be judged against them. The Earl of Seaforth; Keneth Mackenye, of Coole; Simon Mackenye, the earl's uncle; John Mackenye, of Apleros, and Thos. Mackenye, of Inverlaoth, are also to give satisfaction, according the judgment of law or a court-martial, to Neale Mackloude, laird of Assin, for damages suffered by them, or their tenants, or servants, unless they can show that the laird sent out supplies to the enemy, in which case he is not to have reparation.

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(6.) The earl, and the tenants of his lands in Kintale (so much as is burnt), the lands of Lough-Broome, Stragariff, Strabran, and Stranghannon, which are all burnt and destroyed, to be remitted all their past arrear, till harvest; and for his lands not burned (including Apleros and Corrinwinley) the assess to be remitted to the 1st of this January, from which time they are to pay as others. The half of the arrears of all rents payable by the earl to the Crown, and now due to his Highness, remitted, and the other half, with the growing rents, to be paid.

(7.) All his horsemen who embezzle or conceal their arms to lose the benefit of these articles.

(8.) The money expended, by order from the Trustees for Surveying Delinquents' Estates in Scotland, in the survey of the earl's estate, to be repaid before he enters into possession.

(9.) These articles to be ratified by the Protector or Parliament, if desired, and delivered to the earl within two months. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 11–13.] Ratified 7 Feb., 1654–5. Approved 12 Feb. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 669–678.]

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18. 2, 3. The Army Commissioners to issue warrants to the Treasurers-at-war to send 20,000*l.* to Scotland as pay for the forces there, in such vessel as the Admiralty Commissioners shall think fit, and the said Commissioners to appoint a convenient vessel to receive and transport the money, and deliver it at such place and to such persons as the War Treasurers shall appoint.

4. A warrant advised for payment to John Maidstone of 16,000*l.*, for one quarter's allowance for his Highness's household.

5. The President signed a letter ordered 28 Dec. last, to Thos. Lloyd, high sheriff, and several justices of peace of co. Montgomery, concerning disturbances of the church at Buttington and Poole. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 637–8.]

Jan. 11. Note of petition referred 30 June 1654 to the Committee for petitions, of Thos. Stephenson, of York, making proposals in relation to the continuance of some waterworks for defence of the marsh land in Whitgift, county York, from being overflowed. Order thereon in Council on report from the Treasury Commissioners, that as several interests are concerned in the business, the Attorney-General and Serj. Glynn prepare a case for a court of equity, that all the parties may be heard, and a decree made, binding on all. *Annexing.* [*I.* 92, *No.* 120; *I.* 75, *p.* 641.]

19. i. *Report on which the above Order is founded.*—4 Jan. 1654–5. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 11. **20.** Petition of John Blackmore, Major to Gen. Desborow's regiment, to Council. Two troops of the regiment are every night on guard at the Mews; since 1 Nov. they have had 3 bushels of coals and 1lb. of candles each allowed them, but Dan. Wynne, keeper of the Mews, refuses to supply any more without payment of arrears, so that they are in great straits. Begs payment, and provision of what is so necessary to their comfort. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 11. Order thereon that Wm. Walker state Wynne's arrears, according to the former allowance from the army contingencies, and pay them, allowing a fit provision according to the time of the year for the future. [*I.* 75, *page* 641.]

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4–6. Order on report from the Committee on Kinnersley's petition—by which it appears that the office formerly granted by patent from the King to Wm. Legg is useless,—to advise that Kinnersley be settled as wardrobe keeper, with such salary as his Highness thinks fit, and have Legg's lodgings at Whitehall. Legg to deliver them up in a fortnight. Montague to present the proposals to his Highness. *Annexing,*

21. I. *Report alluded to, on the petition of C. Kinnersley—that by several Orders of Parliament, he remained yeoman of the wardrobe till* 1652; *did great service in preserving and discovering the late King's goods, and had no allowance from* 1642 *to* 1652, *during which time there is due to him, for salary and incidents* 5486*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*, *of which he has received no part—that it should be allowed him out of frauds or debts concealed, due to the late King, Queen, or Prince.*

Also report on the petition of Elizabeth or Cornelia [widow of Etienne or Stephen] Nau [composer and musician on the violins to the late King], that 1,090*l. is due to her on his fee of* 200*l. a year, and that she should receive it from a joint discovery with Mr. Kinnersley.* [2 *pages.*]

21. II. *Certificate by Sir Rob. Pye that* 1,150*l. is due to Nau.—* 1 *March* 1649–50; *and by Thos. Fauconberg that only* 60*l. has been paid.*—18 *March* 1649–50. [1 *page.*]

21. III. *Certificate by a servant of Sir Wm. Uvedale, late treasurer of the chamber, that Nau had* 42*l.* 15*s.* 10*d. a year due for wages and livery from his treasury, which has not been paid since Ladyday* 1641–2. *Also by Thos. Townsend, that a livery of* 16*l.* 2*s.* 6*d. due to Nau for livery from the Great Wardrobe has not been paid since* 1639.—5 *April* 1650. [1 *page.*]

11. Montague and Strickland added to the Committee on the petition of Ralph Stringer, Minister of Macclesfield, county Chester.

12. The petition of the French Church assembling at Somerset House Chapel, for leave to exercise their trades in Westminster, and for suspension of proceedings in respect thereof; also a letter from the Council of State of Sept. 6, 1653, referred to Sydenham, Jones, and Montague, who are to call both parties before them, consult the consel learned, and report. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 640–2.]

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Rules, directions, and bye-laws made by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London for regulation of hackney coachmen.

That 13 overseers be appointed and sworn according to form given below.

That Benjamin Francis and 12 others named be the first overseers, to continue till Dec. 25, 1655, or until others be appointed to take their place, provided they have not been displaced by the Aldermen.

That at the first yearly Court of Aldermen held after Dec. 25, seven of the 13 overseers be removed, if, before that date, the 13 have nominated to the said court 13 new persons fit to be overseers of the fellowship, out of whom the court shall chose seven to be overseers with the six that remain, for the year next following.

That if any overseers die or be removed, those remaining nominate to the Court of Aldermen double the number of vacancies, within 20 days from the places becoming vacant, from whom the court shall chose new overseers.

That if any man chosen refuse to act, he shall pay, within 14 days after refusal, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, to be used as hereafter expressed.

That all overseers having undertaken duty and neglected it, shall, for each offence proved, pay a fine of 10*s.*

That they meet at some convenient place within the walls, to advise on the affairs committed to them.

That besides the 40*s.* to be paid by every person on his first admittance to keep a hackney coach, each shall pay 2*s.* 6*d.* quarterly for every pair of horses, towards defraying the charges of the fellowship, on pain of dismissal.

To prevent further strife about the hire of coaches, no persons are to take more than the following fares:—Coach, carouche, or chariot with four horses, 20*s.* a day, to travel 30 miles a day, between 25 March and 20 Oct., and 25 between Oct. and March, within 60 miles compass of London every way, except in Surrey, where the road is hardest, and where a separate agreement must be made. If the coach rests, 10*s.* a day is to be paid. Coaches with two horses are to charge 10*s.* a day, travel 20 or 15 miles a day, and charge 6*s.* 8*d.* for days of rest. The fare for places within 6 miles of the lines of communication is to be 12*d.* a mile and 12*d.* an hour attendance, if kept waiting beyond the hour. Fares for three persons or under,—

		s.	*d.*
Old Exchange, Cornhill, to	Westminster	1	6
„ „	Temple Bar or Gray's Inn	1	0
Guildhall	„ „	1	0
„	Whitechapel	1	0
Temple Bar, Gray's Inn, to	Westminster	1	0
„ „	Whitechapel	1	6
Westminster	„	2	0

Any refusing this pay, or refusing to be hired, or being uncivil, to be fined 10*s.* the first offence, 20*s.* the second, and for the third dismissed.

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To avoid pestering the streets, only 10 coaches are to stand at the Old Exchange, 5 on each side the conduit, the drivers not to leave their coaches, and to take care not to offend passers by.

2 coaches to stand at Guildhall.
8 in Paul's Churchyard.
10 in Smithfield.
8 in Aldersgate Street.
10 between Fleet Conduit and Dunstan's Church.
8 thence to Temple Bar.
6 in Chancery Lane.
10 from Savoy to the New Exchange.
6 at Charing Cross.
8 at Whitehall.
20 from the West end of St. Clement's to Exeter House.
20 in Holborn.
12 in St. Martin's Lane.
12 in Bishopsgate Street. At Westminster, Long Acre, and Covent Garden, as occasion serves. Offenders against this rule to be fined 2*s.* 6*d.* each offence.

The overseers are to view the coaches and horses four times a year, and see that they are fit for use and in good repair. Any refusing inspection to be fined 5*s.* the first offence, 10*s.* the second, and dismissed the third.

No coaches to be gilded or bear the escutcheon of any person of honour, under penalty of 5*l.*, but to have the City arms on the cross piece behind.

The widow of a deceased hackney coachman may continue to hire out the coach and horses, observing the rules.

Any person keeping coaches for hire, without consent of the Court of Aldermen, to be fined 20*s.* the first offence, and 4*l.* afterwards, but as many persons have coaches above the said numbers, and cannot speedily—[*Imperfect, I.* 75, *pp.* 643–6.] *Including,*

I. *Oath of the fellowship of hackney coachmen to keep all the said rules, to see that the coachmen behave well and treat the people honestly, according to their rules, and to bring offenders to punishment, without favour or displeasure.* [*I.* 75, *p.* 643.]

Jan. 11. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Col. John Berkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower. On Order in Council of 10 Jan., you are to allow John, Lord Leslie, Earl of Rothes, to remain at or about Newcastle for three months, from 18 Jan., on his private affairs, he renewing his security, which you are to take yourself. You are also to take order that he give security before the Mayor of Newcastle, to whom you are to send a draft of the bond, that he may receive the security and send it you. [*I.* 112, *p.* 80. *I.* 75, *p.* 637.]

Jan. 11. **22.** A. Granger to Robt. Blackborne. Major Philip Stephens, who is down in my list, having appointed my man to meet him this evening at 4 p.m., I desire a warrant and a messenger to be sent

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down with my man, that he may be taken, as he begins to smell some danger, and may be gone. Whenever any of the guilty send to me, I shall keep them in fair correspondence, till I can give notice of their being at a certain place where they can be taken, but the parties taken must not know this. I should have a warrant to stay any that come to me, as I cannot do it unless I have order sufficient to defend myself against common law after they are loose again.

I caused the turnkey to seize Farrington's wife, but she has so threatened him with what she will do, that he will not assist me any more if any should come, as I could get no order further to charge her.

I desire their honours would command me before them to-morrow, as I fear Barnes and Stead, mentioned in my list, may be at some contrivance upon the Treasuries, and I would direct something to the security of the said banks, by which means some attempting may be taken. [1 *page*.]

Jan. 13. Newgate. **23**. Josh. Fugill to Col. Clarke, Whitehall. If I had not taken Mr. Granger, he had never been taken, and this I could not have done if I had not made my escape, and put in a charge against him and his brothers, Nich. Greenway, and John Granger, also John and Thomas Cotton, Major Stephens and Major Bishop, with divers others whom I knew to be his most bosom friends and trotters, and would have been the most material witnesses in discovery, as likewise about the Treasuries; but Granger, through his freedom, has sent most of them away, and corresponds with some of them still, for Major Stephens was with him last Wednesday to hear and carry news, he and I being before you on Tuesday. Before and after my escape, I prosecuted this discovery at great charge, and though advised, did not leave England, but took Granger, who only is able to discover the fraud of the Treasury; if he and Major Stephens will, they can tell you of the trade they had to get pensions for widows whose husbands served against the State. There are grand ones whom you trust whom Granger can peach; I know Newton and Jno. Wallthew, belonging to Guildhall Treasury; you know whether he has peached them or not.

I propound a way infallible and easy to find out the frauds; if Granger would be as faithful as he is knowing of the cheat put upon all the Treasuries, and as I will be in this other of debentures, it would be well for the Commonwealth that he is taken; but I have no hopes of him, since I see no change at all in him. To hear how little he values to forswear himself would make your flesh tremble, but he says the State taught him to swear and forswear, and he cannot forget it, that being a true character of a politician; sitting up at cards until 2 to 6 o'clock on the Lord's day morning is but small signs of repentance.

When Granger perceived he could not keep me close any longer, he caused me to be turned to the other side, where I must pay 3*s*. 6*d*. a week, or be turned to the other side amongst thieves and murderers, which will be 7 days hence, if not prevented by death or your charity. Since I came over, I have neither eaten nor drunk, neither will any friend relieve me, and I have not one penny or anything to sell or pawn to get 6*d.*, but God is able to deliver me from famine and all other miseries, when he has done his work, and to bring me comfort by an unexpected way. I beseech that my soul may be precious in your sight, and that Satan may not tempt me for mere necessity to take bribes, and so wrong my conscience; but grant me some relief by liberty or employment, or in any other way, as I had rather creep upon my hands and feet to earn my living than starve. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

23. I. *Directions by Fugill for making a full discovery of false debentures and public faith bills.*

1. *To search all books in Gurney, Worcester, and Drury Houses.*
2. *Three or four gentleman of known integrity to be appointed to search them as they are entered alphabetically.*
3. *To send for all alphabetical lists which have come out of the country for examination.*

You will find all or most of the bills which are passed at Gurney House are likewise sold and passed at Worcester and Drury Houses.

You will also find 50 *or* 60 *Captains and proportionably Lieut.-Colonels, Ensigns, and Quartermasters, under one Colonel, and at one and the same time, when there were no such men living; as for example, Col. Booth, of Cheshire, had* 4 *regiments of horse passed under him, when he never had but one troop for his guard.*

You will find men of vast estates concerned in this business, and officers of trust guilty of many thousands, and yet the way you now go will quit most, if not all of them, except they confess; for what is it to prove 1,000*l. against a man that has got* 20,000*l. or* 30,000*l. by this fraud? and some are found and upon record (and now entrusted) deep in this cheat.*

When you have found out all this fraud (and if I be with those that search, I shall leave none behind), you may deal with those that have ignorantly erred according to your wisdom, and with the guilty as you please; besides, you will see half the debts claimed at Worcester House will be paid in course, and the claimers amerced. Consider my care and danger in taking Granger, and about this discovery for the last 12 *months. When I first began, I entreated Granger to turn with me, but he refused; although I be vile, I beseech you to be merciful, and let me not famish in this prison, which is next hell for cursing, swearing, and blaspheming.—Jan.* 13, 1654–5. [1 *page.*]

Jan. $\frac{13}{23}$. The George, Leghorn Road. **23***a.* Receipt by Gen. Rob. Blake of 50 barrels of powder, 389 bar shot, 2 cables, and 2 anchors, for the fleet under his command, from Chas. Longland. [*Scrap.*]

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Jan. 15. **24.** Robt. Manley to Col. Clarke. Be pleased to consider my business, and let me know the utmost of my charge touching debentures, and I will give satisfaction; if it cannot be suddenly determined, grant me liberty on bail, that I may follow my business. This imprisonment has so abashed me that I could with a good will depart my country with my wife and children, being once proffered reasonable employment. It is not with a merchant as with these fellows that build their fortunes upon other men's ruin, and I am confident no man in the world has cause to blame me in my transactions. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

24. I. *Names and addresses of 6 persons proposed as bail for Robt. Manley, of St. Swithin's Lane, London, merchant.* [½ *page.*]

Jan. 15. Whitehall. **25.** Warrant signed by the Protector to the Admiralty Commissioners to add 30*l.* to the value of the medal appointed for Gen. Penn. [⅔ *page.*]

Jan. 16. Dover Castle. **26.** Thos. Reader to Thos. Kelsey, Lieutenant of the Castle. The shot, ammunition, &c., being almost spent, I want a supply, by Thos. Kite, now in London; as also 20 or 30 qrs. of wheat. What shall I do with the platforms, now empty by removal of the brass ordnance? Are we to have new guns, or take some from other parts of the castle, or Mote's bulwark? If I do not misgive the faces and carriage of the Malignants, storms are rising, and they are only waiting an opportunity to imbrue their hands in blood. No place in England, next to London, would be sooner attempted by them than this, considering the nearness of France, and who they are. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 17. **27.** Robt. Manley to General Jno. Desborow. Being a prisoner at Lambeth House on account of debentures, I entreat your help to my enlargement on bail, as the matter is not to be determined till others are apprehended. These debentures have been unhappy commodities to me, as I have lost more than 300*l.* by them already, and the imprisonment has been more than an ordinary affliction and discredit to me, insomuch that I should be very happy to receive some foreign or domestic employment, in which I should be very faithful, and able to procure good testimony of my demeanour in all points (except in this base thing, which I am much ashamed of), and many friends would be obliged for my fidelity. I doubt whether I shall ever be able to repair my credit as a merchant, which is much to my grief, having been bred to it. If I dared I would beg pardon for this offence, being drawn into it during the war with the Dutch, when we could not exercise our calling. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 20. St. Ives. **28.** And. Duke to Capt. John Pearce, at Mr. Chamberlain's, the Maiden Head, Cannon Street. Doubting whether all things will fall out according to expectation, I want to know what you are doing about my clothes. If not forwarded, send them to Mrs. Couch's at Truro. Mrs. Couch's lamp should be a grey or red colour. If the 10*l.* is paid in, I will receive it from Mr. Purefoy. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. ? **29.** And. Duke to Capt. John Pearce. Thanks for favours. I did not get your letter sent by the carrier. I received all I asked except a marginal Bible, which I much need. If you want the 10*l.* use it, and repay me when you come; if not, pay it to John Purefoy or Major Ceely. I asked Purefoy to buy me a pair of the smallest spurs, called rippers. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. 23. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order by his Highness and Council that next Friday be set apart for their seeking of God. Mr. Lockyer, Mr. Carill, Mr. Benn, and Mr. Sterry, to be desired to give their assistance.

2. Col. Goffe, Lieut.-Col. White, Major Heane, also Capt. Blackwell, and Capt. Deane, the Treasurers-at-war, to attend Council at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

3. Lisle, Strickland, and Wolsley to be Commissioners to treat with the Genoese Ambassador.

4. The Treasurers-at-war to pay to Frost, for Council's contingencies, 4,000*l.* returned from Portsmouth, being part of 17,000*l.* sent thither out of the 30,000*l.* set apart for payment of the forces intended for a special service, to be issued on warrants from Gen. Desborow. [*I.* 75, *p.* 647.]

Jan. 23. Navy Office. **30.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. We have forwarded your orders and instructions to the commanders of the Recovery, William, Edward, and Morning Star, and are anxious for their dispatch; but we think them ambiguous, and likely to cause some doubt. In your last clause, they were, on their arrival there, to follow such orders as they should receive from the Governor of Barbadoes, in case Gen. Penn had sailed. Now according to our orders, we have absolutely contracted with the owners of the ships for their discharge there within a certain number of days after their arrival. As to the safety of sending them severally, we certify that they carry from 16 to 20 pieces of ordnance each, and from 20 to 30 men. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

30. i. *Instructions by the Protector to Capt. Thos. Bennett, of the Morning Star. You are to sail out of the Thames, taking the William, Edward, and Recovery, laden with provisions for our service, and direct your course for Barbadoes. If you overtake the Fleet under General Penn, fall in with him, and pursue his instructions. If not, come up with the Fleet on arriving at Barbadoes, and apply to Gen. Penn, or in his absence, to Dan. Serle, the governor there, for orders. If you meet the Little or Great Charity on the way, proceed under their convoy, and observe the directions of the commander of the Great Charity.—Whitehall,* 15 *Jan.* 1654–5. [1¾ *pages.*]

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Jan. 24. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Sydenham, Montague, Lambert, and Desborow to withdraw and speak with the Treasurers-at-War, now attending without, on the business on which they came.

4. On information that the Stork, laden with pipe-staves, was cast away near Beechy, Sussex, on her way from Jersey to London, all persons concerned are to assist And. Bolt and And. Debenham to secure the pipe-staves for the use of the navy, and to return to them any that have been taken away.

5. The former Treasurers-at-war, *viz.*, Sir John Wollaston, Ald. Thos. Andrews, Francis Allen, & Ald. Dethick, to attend the Committee appointed to speak with them to-morrow, which Committee is to endeavour to settle the matter reported on to-day, and to report further.

6. To advise that the Treasury Commissioners be authorized to pay the Treasurers-at-war 25,000*l.* imprest towards one month's pay for the forces of this nation.

8. Fiennes, Lord Lisle, and Mulgrave to speak with Sir Job. Harvey, Mr. Hodges, and Hen. Robinson, about the debt anciently contracted by M. Cezy, French Ambassador at Constantinople. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 648–649.]

Jan. 25. **31.** Petition of Col. Simon Thelwall to the Protector, for payment of 800*l.* public money, in the hands of a person known to him, in part of his arrears, as colonel of horse in Wales; and for order to the Committee of Accounts at Worcester House to pass the remainder of his arrears into bills within the security of the army, according to the powers given for those in service in 1649; being an M.P., and in service when the supernumerary forces were disbanded, omitted to pass his accounts in the ordinary course. With reference thereon to Council, 1 Jan. 1654–5. [½ *page.*]

Jan. 25. Reference thereon by Council to Lambert, Jones, Mulgrave, Pickering, Wolsley, Desborow, and Montague, to advise with the Commissioners of the Great Seal, and the counsel learned, as to whether Council can do anything therein, and to report. [*I.* 75. *p.* 650, *see* 27 *April* 1655.]

Jan 25. **32.** Petition of John Manley, Postmaster-General, to Council. Having the management of all letters, I sent the mail last Sabbath, 21 January, to the several roads; but the post who carried the mail from London to Barnet was servant to Capt. Charteres, and on his return was stayed, and his horse detained by the constable of Highgate, on direction from Ald. Ireton. To him I applied, and he says that as I am not a justice of peace, I ought to pay 10*s.* for the offence, and he detains my horse. I beg relief, and an order to all justices not in future to interrupt me in the public service. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 25. Order thereon that the constable be required to deliver the horse to Capt. Charteres. [*I.* 76, *p.* 650.]

Jan. 25. **33.** Petition of Katherine, wife of Benj. Holman, mariner of Dover, to the Protector. Her husband was employed on board the

General's own ship, and behaved very well. Being commander of a privateer, he met a hoy of Oldenburg, who said they were of Amsterdam, and laying aboard it, some of his company, unknown to him, plundered a trunk belonging to the Duke of Oldenburg, who had permission to come to England. Though he ordered it to be restored, he is sued in the Admiralty Court, to his utter ruin, for he cannot show his head, and maintain her and 3 small children. Begs an order to Dr. Walker for stay of prosecution, and his discharge. With reference thereon to Council, 5 Sept. 1654. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

33. I. *Certificate by Edw. Prescott, Mayor, and* 5 *others of Dover, to the services of Holman in getting together seamen, and serving in engagements against the Dutch, and to the statements of the petition. Dover,* 11 *July* 1654. [⅔ *page.*]

Jan. 25. **34.** Reference thereon in Council to Dr. Walker to report. [½ *page. Also I.* 75, *p.* 654.] *Annexing,*

34. I. *Report of Dr. Wal. Walker. The young Count of Oldenburg complaining to his Highness that an English privateer had seized a vessel coming with a present of horses from the old Count of Oldenburg to his Highness, spoiled* 2 *of the horses, and pillaged the young Count's trunk of clothes, and his servants, though they had a pass and safe conduct, his Highness ordered me to prosecute the offenders severely in the Admiralty Court. I prosecuted Holman thereon, but releasing him on his word, he escaped, and has never appeared again, though proclamation was issued against him. The trunk was found in his house, and has been delivered entire to the young Count. On Holman's default, I have summoned the owners, who have paid* 110*l. damages, for the losses of the Count's men. Also, on the Count's request, I have issued criminal process against Holman, but he is not to be met with. I refer it to you whether prosecution should proceed after restitution.* [¾ *page.*]

[Jan. 25.] **35.** Petition of Lady Marg. Levingston to the Protector. On my petition with that of others, you ordered me 20*s.* a week from Council's contingencies, till the beginning of this January, which has prevented my perishing from famine, but for 2 weeks I have received nothing. Pray renew the order for the weekly pension, that I may have bread for the few days I have to live being very aged. [1 *page.*]

[Jan. 25.] **36.** Like request to Council. I am more than 84; I have not bread, except from my pension, am sick, and much in debt. The Shunamite widow, in the 7 years' famine, found favour among the Philistines, but amongst God's own people, I can get neither food nor raiment. I beg God to move your hearts, that we may not starve. [⅔ *page, holograph.*]

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Jan. 25. Order on the petition of Lady Marg. Levingston and others [*see* 2 Jan. *supra*], for continuance of the 4*l.* a week allowed them; the Treasury Commissioners to consider the best way of payment out of the Exchequer, for so long as his Highness thinks fit, and to report. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 655–6.]

Jan. 25. Note of a petition, referred to the Committee for Petitions, of Sam. Lever & Co., setters forth of the Bonadventure, complaining that having taken the Dutch ship Patience, by virtue of an Admiralty Commission in the late war, and being forced by weather into Ostend, she was there seized, and is detained, though condemned in the Admiralty Court here as lawful prize. [*I.* 92, *No.* 154.]

Jan. 25. Orders thereon in Council, 15 Nov. 1654 and 25 Jan. 1654–5, to request his Highness to write to the Governor of Flanders or Ostend, to direct his Admiralty Judges to restore the ship and lading, and pay costs and damages, enclosing a copy of the condemnation in the Admiralty Court. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 601, 655.]

Jan. 25. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1, 2. Order on report from the Committee appointed to consider of fit rooms for the Admiralty Commissioners, instead of those they now use at Whitehall, that the offer of Derby House for one year at 100*l.* be adopted, and that Mr. Embree, the surveyor, receive the same into his possession, and receive and pay to Hen. Martin 100*l.* for the year's rent.

3, 4. Embree to fit the house for the Admiralty Commissioners, and the Committee for Approbation of Public Preachers; and at the end of one year's possession, the house to be returned to Mr. Martin; Embree to give security, which Council will make good to him.

8. The two persons apprehended for endeavouring to cheat with a counterfeit bill of exchange from Ireland, now in custody of the guard attending the Treasury at Guildhall, to be committed to Serjeant Dendy till they have been examined, and Dendy to attend the Treasury Commissioners with them this afternoon to be examined.

9. The order of Saturday for payment of 4,000*l.* to Council's contingencies, and that of yesterday for payment of 25,000*l.* to the Treasurers-at-war, for payment of the forces in England, annulled.

10. 35,000*l.* to be paid to the Treasurers-at-war for the forces, and to be received as follows:—

	£
To be lent by Wollaston and the late Treasurers-at-war out of the 150,000*l.* appointed for the arrears of Scotland - - - - - -	12,000
In hand, being part of the 30,000*l.* appointed for special service - - - - - -	4,000
From the assignations for the Navy - - -	12,000
From „ for forces in Scotland and Ireland - - - - - - -	7,000
	35,000

The last two sums to be repaid.

12. His Highness to be advised to issue a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners for repayment of the said 12,000*l.* to the late Treasurers-at-war.

13. Also to the Army Committee to authorize Blackwell and Deane, present Treasurers-at-war, to pay the 4,000*l.*

14. Also to the Treasury Commissioners to repay to Blackwell and Deane the 12,000*l.*, and 7,000*l.* lent for the present service.

15. Order that the Army Committee issue warrants to the Treasurers-at-war to pay the forces accordingly; and if the moneys ordered do not come in timely for a present supply, they are to authorize the said Treasurers to pay the forces from any moneys in hand (though otherwise assigned), and reimburse themselves out of moneys to be brought in.

16. His Highness to be advised to issue patents to Blackwell and Deane to receive the 12,000*l.* from the late Treasurers-at-war, and the 19,000*l.* from the Exchequer, and pay it for the Army, on warrants from the Army Committee.

18. Also to issue warrants to the Treasury Commissioners to pay 4,000*l.* to Frost for Council's contingencies.

19. Also to pay 178*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* to Clement Kinnersley, for furnishing the Parliament house and adjoining rooms, on a bill certified by Serj. Birkhead.

23. On petition of—Mico, and other merchants of London, his Highness to be advised to recommend M. de Bordeaux, French Ambassador, to obtain justice for the petitioner. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 649–56.]

Jan. 25. Whitehall. The Council to the late Treasurers-at-war. The pressing occasion of money for pay of the forces, and to prevent free quarter, invite us to use some of the public cash not at present necessary. In your late account to the Army Committee, there is a large sum in hand (part of 150,000*l.* appointed by Act of 7 April 1652, for the arrears of the forces in Scotland from 20 May 1650, to 20 Oct. 1651), and Council advise that the Protector issue a warrant under the Great Seal to the Treasury Commissioners, to repay you in three months, or sooner, if need be, 12,000*l.* You are therefore to pay this sum to the present Treasurers-at-war, Blackwell and Deane, and this shall be your acquittance. [*I.* 75, *p.* 651. *I.* 105, *p.* 130.]

Jan. 26. **37.** A. Granger to Lord-Adm. Jno. Desborow. I have attended the [Admiralty] Commissioners five or six times, but you being absent, I did not apply [for bail], but sent the papers you demanded to Mr. Blackborne. I have in every particular, and to the utmost of my ability, striven to give all satisfaction required, and have dealt in all singleness of heart, freely and ingenuously; considering the great service I shall be able to perform, with the ruin attending a chargeable and tedious imprisonment, having pawned all the apparel I had, and if longer continued here, must be turned into the common gaol, I beseech you to order that I shall put in sufficient bail, which will render me as safe and as much a prisoner as I am now, only that thereby I shall be enabled freely to pursue what I have begun, and to attend you upon all opportunities

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1654–5. for the public good, and be delivered from what is worse than death, and I, my wife, and miserable family will ever feel bound for these favours. [1 *page.*]

Jan. 29. **38, 39.** Petition of 400 citizens and inhabitants of the Hague to the Protector.

1. They have provided the Queen of Bohemia's Court with all necessaries.

2. At first they received some moneys from Parliament, and were thus encouraged to continue the delivery.

3. They solely relied on the Orders of Parliament of 22 June 1643, 5 March 1644–5, 20 April 1646, and 22 April 1647.

4. She approved the provisions thus made for her, and they never doubted payment. She is now delaying her departure into Germany till she sees them paid, many of them being widows and orphans, and all extreme sufferers by these bad times. Beg payment on the said Acts. [2 *copies.*] *Annexing,*

> **39.** i., ii. *Abstract by Sir Abr. Williams of the accounts of the Queen of Bohemia. The arrears due to her by the ordinances of Parliament are,—*
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> *From* 1642 *to* 8 *May* 1649, 100,969*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*
> *From thence to* 8 *May* 1653, 48,000*l.*
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> *The receipts meantime have been only* 13,275*l.* *With the several Orders of Parliament alluded to.* [2 *copies,* 9 *pp. each.*]

Jan. 29. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The draft of a warrant authorising John Embree to enter any ground necessary for scouring and cleansing the drains, and repairing the pipes conveying water to Whitehall read, and to be signed.

2. Rous, Skippon, and Pickering, to advise with Serjeant Glynn, and the Attorney and Solicitor-General, on the articles against Mr. Ackhurst, to consider how far he may be proceeded against upon the Ordinance of 2 May 1648, and to report.

3. A warrant not to be issued to permit Don Francisco Romaro Villaquizun, Envoy from Archduke Leopold, to transport six mares, now at Dover, to Flanders.

4. Liberty not to be granted to the Viceroy of Norway to transport six horses beyond seas.

5. Order on report from the Treasury Commissioners, on a counterfeit bill of exchange pretended to be sent from Ireland, and on the examination of Wm. Broome (alias John Lawrence), and of John Philpott, that the Attorney-General and the Treasury Commissioners consider what should be done with them, and report.

6. Desborow, Lambert, Lisle, Sydenham, and Montague, to consider this afternoon the business of money for pay of the forces, and to offer to Council to-morrow morning what should be done, that Council may proceed to debate, and to send for and consult with whom they please.

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Jan. 29. Council. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

7. **40.** Desborow and the rest of the Admiralty Commissioners to consider of some fit merchants and others to be a Trade Committee, and to present 24 names to Council.

8. Desborow, Lisle, Lambert, Montague, and Sydenham to advise with the counsel at law on the paper presented for discovery of frauds in debentures, and to report. Desborow to take care hereof.

Jan. 30. **41.** Petition of Dame Marg. Hungerford to the Protector. I had a warrant for payment of a public debt [see 31 March 1654], which is frustrate by translation of moneys into the Exchequer. You said the thing was just, and should be discharged without delay, yet on account of great affairs in agitation, I have forborne to trouble you till now; but my indemnity for this money is expired, and execution will be had against me this term. I beg a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners for payment, and indemnity from distress. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

> **41.** I. *Warrant of Council to Fauconberg to pay her* 800*l.*, 5 *April* 1654. *With note by him that no money has been paid thereon.* [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

Jan. 30. Order on the question being put whether his Highness should be advised to issue a warrant for the said 800*l.*, negativing the same. [*I.* 75, *p.* 658.]

[Jan. 30.] **42.** Petition of the inhabitants of Leconfield, East Riding, co. York, to the Protector, for an allowance for their present minister, Wm. Memprice, and his successors, out of the revenue for preaching ministers, or otherwise. The parish is large, and the clear profits to Walter Crompton, impropriator, only 40*l.* a year, as that they had no powerful preaching till Mr. Memprice came. 48 signatures, of which 24 are by mark. [1 *sheet.*]

Jan. 30. **43.** Like petition to the Trustees for maintenance of preaching ministers. [1 *sheet.*]

Jan. 30. Council. Day's Proceedings.

2. The Army Committee to issue warrants to the Treasurers-at-war for payment of 800 soldiers, added by his Highness' warrants of 20 and 25 Dec. last to the regiments of Col. John Berkstead, and of the officers of the two new companies added, and to continue the same upon the army establishment. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 658–9.]

Jan. 31. Council. Day's Proceedings.

2. Lambert, Sydenham, Fiennes, and Montague, to consider the best way to issue the Council's contingency moneys, and report.

3. Serjeant Birkenhead to deliver to C. Kinnersley all such hangings and other goods belonging to the State, as were lately employed in furnishing the Parliament House.

4. All reports made by Committees to Council shall in future first be put into writing and signed.

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44. 5. The Admiralty Commissioners to treat with persons in London for purchase of horse arms as cheap as possible, and to report the quantities and rates.

6. An order for an assessment read, and on debate recommitted to the same Committee, to whom Fiennes is added.

7. The petition of Henry Whalley referred to Gen. Desborow, to confer with Sam. Desborow and Col. Lockhart, and report.

12. A warrant not to be issued to Sir Rob. Pye to transport 3 horses beyond seas. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 659–61.]

Jan. Note of a petition referred to the Committee for Petitions, 17 Aug. 1654, of Wm. Pennoyer, a sufferer in Scotland, 12 years since, for a great sum; an appeal was made to the dissolved Parliament, and persons appointed for hearing. [*I.* 92, *No.* 224.]

Jan. ? **45.** Petition of Lawrence Gillingham and Jos. Artis, yeomen, of near Bungay, Suffolk, to the Protector. Being dealers in timber in Suffolk and Norfolk, have long served Great Yarmouth for piles for the haven and for ship timbers, of such size that they require 5 or 6 horses to draw one piece to the waterside, and 8 or 9 if the roads are up hill or miry. Are therefore much prejudiced by an Ordinance [for highways] that not more than 5 horses are to be used on any wagon, and the building of great ships at Yarmouth is hindered. Beg that as a later order makes an exception in favour of ordnance, timber, or artillery for the army, the like liberty may be granted to them, only for pieces which cannot be cut in sunder. With request in their favour by 10 shipbuilders of Great Yarmouth. 12 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Jan. ? **46.** Abr. Hyet or Hiatt, Master of the Seafortune, to the Admiralty Commissioners. In a late voyage to Bordeaux, I was entering the river of Bloye [Blaye ?], when I was surprized and taken from my ship by command of the Duc de St. Simon, governor of the castle, and there detained prisoner several days, and the ship plundered by his officers. I was then brought before the governor, who demanded 1,000 livres tournois, and other sums, which I was obliged to give the Popish priests, 1,600 livres in all, to obtain which I had to borrow from the English at Bordeaux, or I must have perished there.

The reason assigned for this tyrannical action was that I had not saluted his castle in passing; I can prove that I and my gunner were ready to fire, but we were prevented by the pilot, who said the governor little regarded that ceremony.

In my voyage homewards I lost both ship and goods, because the French had detained my tackle and ammunition. I beg satisfaction, and assistance for my future maintenance. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Jan. ? **47.** Petition of John Samyne, powder maker, to the Admiralty Commissioners. When the State greatly needed powder, spent 2,000*l.* in erecting 4 new mills to make 80 barrels a week, paying 200*l.* a year rent for them, besides 3 other mills in which he made 50 barrels weekly, which cost 2,000*l.* more. Also by command from his Highness and Council, undertook to make saltpetre in cos. Suffolk, Norfolk, and Cambridge, enough for 12 barrels of powder weekly, and has lost 700*l.* by the contract.

Has been ill 10 months with his labours, has had 5 mills blown up, and is in danger of prison, 2,000*l.* arrears being due to him from the State for powder.

Warranted his powder to last 2 years, except that made from Hamburg, or old powder, which he could not warrant. Has now provided 187 barrels for the fleet, but some of it is reported defective. Begs a fair trial; also that they will take his overplus powder on hand, according to contract, and pay his arrears, or he must be cast into prison. [1 *page, damaged.*]

Jan. ? **48.** Copy of the above, one clause omitted. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. ? **49.** Propositions of John Samyne, powder maker, to the Admiralty Commissioners. To convert the saltpetre in the Tower into an equal quantity of Tower proof powder. To repair decayed powder so as to stand 2 years, at 14*s.* a barrel, the State allowing 21 barrels to the score as before. Begs constant work as promised, having lost much by his contract for English petre, and being at great charge in erecting powder mills. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. ? **50.** Petition of Wm. Wyche, agent for Vincent Randyll, Geo. Duncumbe, and John Woodroff, masters of the powder works at Chilworth, near Guildford, Surrey, to the Admiralty Commissioners. I attended yesterday on your summons, about some Hamburg powder delivered in and repaired; but my contract was by direction of my employers, and if there be any defect, it concerns them and not me; they received the debentures. [¾ *page.*]

Jan. ? **51.** Petition of Capt. John Tottey to the Admiralty Commissioners. I was sent by Giles Vandeput, merchant of London, to Nantes, and thence to go to Barbadoes and back. The French and Dutch merchants at Nantes received my goods, re-laded my ship for Barbadoes, and begged me to come into the town with my sailmaker, and choose canvas for a new set of sails, mine being old, and they would pay for them; on my coming, the merchants seized and imprisoned me, kept my boat and 12 men in custody, and bade me deliver them the ship, saying they ordered Vandeput to buy it for them, giving him 200*l.* as reward. I refused; they said they would take it by force, and hang me if any one suffered in seizing it. I said I would rather be hanged than betray my trust, and leave a gallant ship with 28 guns there, where they daily send forth men-of-war to damage us.

They then went to the ship, took it by surprise, throwing some men overboard, and turning the rest ashore without their clothes and goods, and then they released me, and bade me go where I would, as they had taken the ship which Vandeput had bought for them; they detaining my money, plate, and goods, value 300*l.*

I protested before the Admiralty Court in Nantes against Mr. Vandeput. They, hearing of this, tried to seize me, but I escaped, and after hiding 3 days, got to Burnife, whence an English ship brought me to Plymouth. I see my company have lost 500*l.*, and I am bound to Vandeput in 2,500*l.* for the return of the ship. I beg release from these bonds, and satisfaction for damages. [1 *sheet.*]

Jan. ? **52.** Petition of Rich. Billiard, mariner, to the Admiralty Commissioners. Was hired pilot by Capt. Tottey last May, to take the above ship to Nantes, and when it was seized by the merchants, was obliged to go aboard a Fowey bark to get home, and was taken by 3 Irish men-of-war. Begs them to force Tottey to pay him for his time and pains. [½ *page.*]

Feb. 1. Council. Day's Proceedings.

Council proceeded in the debate on the order for the assessment, and passed the sum to be inserted, and the distribution thereof, and several parts of the order. [*I.* 75, *p.* 661.]

Feb. 1. **53.** Order by the Treasury Commissioners that—as by Order of Parliament of 1 Jan. 1652–3, 100,000*l.* was to be paid from the moneys arising by sale of and compositions for delinquents' estates to the Treasurers-at-war, on which sundry sums were charged, and as all moneys are now to be paid out of the Exchequer,—the treasurers authorized to receive the proceeds of the said estates pay into the Exchequer, on Feb. 12, 718*l.* 14*s.* 8½*d.* now in their hands, or any further sum then in hand, and pay in their further receipts weekly. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 1. London. Levant Company to Sir Thos. Bendish. Thos. Davies earnestly solicits our letters to you on behalf of his son George, purser of the Ursula Bonadventure when it was forced into the Venetian service, and 18 months ago taken by the Grand Seignior's galleys near the castles. His friends have but lately heard this, and that he is with the galleys at Smyrna. We beg you to take courses with the Captain Basha, Vizier, or otherwise, for his release. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 4, *p.* 235.]

Feb. 2. **54.** Petition of the baptized believers, in and about Chard, to the Protector and Council. We have separated from the public worship of this nation for conscience' sake, but have no place of meeting, and it is for you to grant us one. We beg leave (none of us having a fit house) to meet in the unoccupied shire hall of Chard, and we will pray for your salvation by Jesus Christ, and for understanding hearts, to go in and out before this great people. 19 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 2. Order thereon in Council for the following letter. [*I.* 75, *p.* 661.]

Feb. 2. Whitehall. Council to the Mayor and Burgesses of the Corporation of Chard, co. Somerset. It has been represented to us by a congregation of baptized persons about Chard, that they have no convenient place to meet in for worship, wherefore they have asked leave to use the now vacant shire hall. We signify to you our approbation of the same, and desire you to permit them to worship in the hall, when it is not wanted for the public service. [*I.* 75, *p.* 663.]

Feb. 2. **55.** Petition of John Pordage, minister of Bradfield, co. Berks, to the Protector. Many of the county commissioners for ejecting scandalous ministers being my enemies, I have been ejected by malice and without proof; I appeal to your justice for a commission to determine my case, having a wife and many children. With reference to Council, 29 Jan. 1654–5. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 2. Note of the reading of the petition in Council. [*I.* 75, *p.* 662.]

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5. Order on a report on the petition of Hen. Whalley, Judge-Advocate, that he be allowed 200*l.* for 2½ years' salary as an Admiralty Judge in Scotland, to be paid from moneys in the hands of Commissioner-General Whalley, for Dutch prisoners. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 662–3.]

Feb. 2. Whitehall. Council to Gervase Buck, Esq., at Worcester. We have received your letter and enclosures concerning one calling himself Thompson, and as he is probably employed by the enemy, he should be further examined. We therefore desire you to deliver him to the commander of the troops in Worcester, who is to send him to London.

We return you our thanks for your care in the matter, and desire you to express them to the Bailiff of Kidderminster and the others who gave the first information. [*I.* 75, *p.* 662.]

Feb. 5. **56.** Petition of the knights, gentlemen, and other inhabitants of 20 villages and townships adjoining Needwood Forest, co. Stafford, to the Protector and Council. The forest being one of those to be sold for satisfaction of the soldiers, they applied to the late Parliament, but it was dissolved before anything was done.

Former Kings took 10 parks from the chase, and the rest is but 5,600 acres, not worth 5*s.* an acre. Its sale would tend to its enclosing and disposal of the woods and herbage, to which some of them have rights dating before the Duchy of Lancaster was annexed to the Crown; others have rights of estover and pasture, and should be compensated therefor. Beg that the forest may not be sold, or if it be, that those whose rights are questioned may maintain them by law, and those whose rights are allowed may have an ascertained recompense, and not be left to commissioners, especially as the county paid 8,000*l.* to the soldiers on disbanding. With reference thereon to Council. [1 *page. With* 9 *sheets of signatures in* 3 *or* 4 *columns.*]

Feb. 5. Reference thereon by Council to Wolsley, Fiennes, Strickland, and Montague, to report. [*I.* 75, *p.* 663.]

[Feb. 5.] **57.** Representation of the justices of peace for co. Stafford to the Protector. The Grand Jury, at the last sessions, shewed us the

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misery that would befall thousands of the poor, if the forest were sold, and the burden that must fall on the adjacent parishes, and requested us to try to prevent it. We therefore beseech you to weigh the petition sent. [1 *page*, 7 *signatures*.] *Annexing*,

57. I. *Reasons against the enclosing of Needwood Forest, e.g.*

1. *Ancient charters and rights, some* 400 *years old.*
2. *The unfitness of paying the whole army from a few poor townships, while great and rich ones pay nothing.*
3. *It is as just to sell all the commons that were the King and Queen's as this chase.*
4. *Difficulty of mending the highways, from the clayey soil.*
5. *Rights of wives, infants, lunatics, and persons beyond sea.*
6. *The poverty of the county, exhausted by so many garrisons.* [1 *page*.]

57. II. *Request by the Grand Jury to the justices of peace for their assistance in the above cause. Presented at the sessions after Michaelmas,* 1654. [1 *page*, 21 *signatures*, *Copy*.]

Feb. 5. **58.** Petition of Lieut. Rich. Palmer to the Protector and Council. I commanded a foot company under Col. Monk in Ireland, and lost both my eyes, so that I cannot serve; therefore the Irish Committee settled on me 100*l*. a year from Guildhall, which is 75*l*. in arrears. Parliament made this into 40*s*. a week, to be paid from Crown revenue. This being stopped, your Highness gave me an order for regular payment and arrears. Consider my wife and four small children, and order me the 84*l*. due, the 40*s*. weekly, and the 75*l*. due from Goldsmiths' Hall. [1 *page*.]

Feb. 5. Order in Council for payment of the 40*s*. and the 84*l*. arrears by the Committee for maimed soldiers. [*I*. 75, *p*. 665.]

Feb. 5. Council. Day's Proceedings.

2. No one except Henry Hills, printer to his Highness, and those in his employ, are on their peril to print or reprint any part of his Highness' speech to Parliament on their dissolution, made in the Painted Chamber, Jan. 22 1654–5.

5. The petition of Thos. Smart, merchant of Dantzic, and the letters of recommendation from that city, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

6. Order—on report from the Admiralty Judges concerning goods claimed by Jacob Carolus *alias* Palasche, taken in the Prophet Elias of Hamburg, that they think the goods ought in justice to be restored,—that the matter be brought before the Admiralty Judges, to give sentence.

7. The petition of the sons and executors of the late Sir Peter Richaut, and the Spanish Ambassador's answer to his Highness' letter in their behalf, referred to Fiennes, Montague, Mulgrave,

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Wolsley, and Lisle, to speak with the Admiralty Judges, Dr. Walker, and such other civilians as they think meet, concerning the letters of reprisal prayed, and to report. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 663–4.]

Feb. 5. **59.** Geo. Williamson to his brother Joseph, Queen's College, Oxford. I hope you are near the doctor if you have taken a surfeit. I send you a piece to pay him, and another for yourself. My master continues sheriff, which is no loss to me; what I can do shall be at your service. I could not be at Cockermouth to-day, being called to Naworth with my master. My mother is well. I shall be glad to see you and Mr. Beeby in the country this summer. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 6. Council. Day's Proceedings.

The Committee of Council report amendments to the Order and Declaration of his Highness for an assessment of 60,000*l.* by the month, for six months, towards the maintenance of the army and navy, which were read, altered, and passed. [*I.* 75, *p.* 665.]

Feb. 7. Order and declaration of the Protector and Council for an assessment of 60,000*l.* a month for 6 months, towards the maintenance of the army and navy.

The 27th Article of the instrument of Government orders a constant yearly revenue to maintain 10,000 horse and dragoons, and 20,000 foot in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and ships to guard the sea, besides 200,000*l.* a year for administration of justice and other expenses, to be raised by means to be agreed on by the Protector and Council, and not taken away or diminished, but by the Protector and Parliament. It was thereon agreed in Council that the sum should be raised by customs and subsidies, by excise and new impost, and by a tax of 80,000*l.* a month, to be raised in England, Scotland, and Ireland, after 25 December 1654, the English proportion to be 60,000*l.*, to be raised in the same way as in the Act for raising 120,000*l.* in 6 months from December 1653 to June 1654, in rates upon counties and towns, as specified; but if the excise or other public revenue increased in value, then the said taxes were to be lessened.

In pursuance of which declaration, and to avoid the evils of free quarter, it is ordered that the 60,000*l.* a month shall be raised for 6 months, from December 1654 to June 1655, the former Commissioners and those since added to act therein, and levy the said tax, meeting therefor before 20 February; the first half to be paid in before 20 March, and the last half before 20 May. Any obstructions arising from the mode of collecting to be removed, the moneys to be paid in, not to the Treasurers-at-war, as named in the said Act, but to John Blackwell, jun., and Rich. Deane, who are to be Receivers-general for this assessment. [*I.* 76*a*, *p.p.* 14–20. *I.* 75, *p.* 668.]

[Feb. 7.] Printed copy of the above. [*Collection of Acts, vol.* 2. *No.* 82, *Record Office Library*, 498 *F.*]

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Feb. 7. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on a letter from the Admiralty Commissioners of 13 January 1654–5, noting the pressing want of 100,000*l.* for the fleet, to advise the Protector to issue a warrant for its payment, as money impressed on account.

2. Council to meet every morning at 10 and sit till 12.

3. **60.** Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners of the names of 40 vessels, bearing altogether 4,145 men, fit for next summer's guard (a list of which, with the number of men and guns, is given),—that they be approved, and that the Admiralty Commissioners give effectual order for their fitting. Approved 12 February.

Feb. 7. 4. **61.** If the said Commissioners see fit to set aside any of the above, they may order other vessels to be fitted in their stead, if the number of men in the list be not exceeded. Approved 12 February.

8. Order on petition of Chris. Newstead, settled by the Committee for Plundered Ministers as preacher at Maidenhead Chapel, co. Berks,—who had an augmentation of 50*l.* granted by the Committee for maintenance of Ministers, which was refused confirmation by the Committee for Approbation of Public Preachers, because he had formerly been minister of Stisted, co. Essex, and was sequestered therefrom by the Earl of Manchester in 1644,—praying that the augmentation may be continued, and he put in a capacity to enjoy preferment; that M.M. Nye, Lockyer, and Sterry enquire concerning his submission to the present Government, and his fitness to preach, and report.

10. Ratification by the Protector of articles of agreement made by Gen. Monk with noblemen of Scotland, 24 August 1654 to 10 January 1654–5.

11. The letter from Lieut.-Gen. John Midleton to Gen. Monk, of December 25, 1654, to be considered next Monday. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 666–669.]

Feb. 8. **62.** Petition of Isaac Preston and other merchants of Great Yarmouth to the Protector. In October 1652, they freighted the Abraham of Dover for Sherrant in France, to lade wines for Leith, Scotland; but she was seized by the Duke of Vendosme, and detained till the season for small wines was over in Scotland, and they were obliged to submit them to a seizure in the port of London, where, though the appraisers only valued them at 7*l.* a tun, the Customs' Commissioners charged them 9*l.*, so that petitioners owe the State 810*l.*, and yet have been unable to sell the wines, the market being so bad. Beg abatement of the 810*l.* With order thereon that the Customs' Commissioners certify on the case. Holograph, signed, 29 November 1654. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

62. I. *Report thereon by the said Commissioners that Theo. Colcock, one of their deputies, seized the wines, value* 1,620*l.*, ½ *of which was to be received by the Commissioners of Customs for the navy, and* ½ *to go to Colcock the discoverer, and that the petitioners became bound in* 1,600*l. for payment* *of the* 810*l.*, *the first half.*—28 *November* 1654. *With reference thereon to Council* 30 *November* 1654. [1 *page. Endorsed on petition.*]

62. II. *Affidavit of Sam. Cooper and Step. Jackson to the truth of the petition; also that the Commissioners of Customs refused to take part payment in kind at the price they had set on the wines, some of which have been sold at Lynn, Hull, and Yarmouth, at from* 3*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* *to* 7*l.* *a tun, and many remain unsold, so that the proprietors will lose many hundreds.* 28 *November* 1654. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 8. Reference of the above petition and papers to the Admiralty Commissioners. [*I.* 75, *p.* 670.]

Feb. 8. **63.** Petition of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London to the Protector. In 20 James, the King granted to the City of London and Borough of Southwark for their poor, 4,000 chaldron of Newcastle sea-coal, free of the duty of 1*s.* a chaldron, which has been allowed by all treasury officers hitherto, but is refused by the Revenue Commissioners, for want of power to issue warrants to the farmers of Customs. Beg an order to the farmers to pay 200*l.* due this year, and the like allowance in future. With reference 15 January 1654–5 to Council. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 8. **64.** Reference thereon by Council to Mulgrave, Skippon, Strickland, and Desborow, to confer with the Commissioners of the Great Seal and the counsel learned, and report. [¾ *page.* Also *I.* 75. *p.* 670.] *Annexing,*

64. I. *Order in the said Committee that Serjeant Glynn and the Attorney and Solicitor General attend them thereon.* 27 *February* 1654–55. [⅔ *page.*]

Feb. 8. **65.** Petition of the owners of the Peregrine to the Protector and Council, for satisfaction for the loss of their ship, which was taken 18 months since by the Dutch in Leghorn Road, after an honorable fight, in which the captain and above 20 of his men were slain, and 40 wounded. They have had a reference to the Navy Commissioners, a report, and an order for payment, but cannot obtain it. 11 signatures. [1 *page.* *Also I.* 92, *No.* 85.]

Feb. 8. **66.** Reference thereon by Council to the Admiralty Commissioners. [½ *page.* *I.* 75, *p.* 671.] *Annexing,*

66. I. *Reference endorsed on the petition by the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners, to certify whether the ship was honourably lost, and what should be done.* —15 *Feb.* 1654–5. [¼ *page.*]

66. II. *Report of the Navy Commissioners that it was honourably lost, and that the owners should be paid according to the declaration of Parliament.*—16 *Feb.* 1654–5. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 8. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

2. The Commissioners of the Great Seal to issue writs for the proclamation of the Order and Declaration of his Highness and

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Feb. 8. Council. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

Council for an assessment of 60,000*l.* a month for six months, for maintenance of the army and navy.

4. Order on report on petition of Wm. Johnson, of Newcastle, [see 30 Nov. 1654] that he be allowed to export 22 iron guns. *Annexing,*

67. I. *Report alluded to of the Admiralty Commissioners, that they have resolved to buy the three brass guns for the State, but that the iron ones may be transported.*—25 *Jan.* 1654–5. [⅓ *page.*]

Feb. 8. 6. No one is on any pretence to print or reprint a book called, "The sizes and lengths of riggings, &c., with proportions of boatswains and gunners' sea stores, for all the State's ships and frigates, "&c.," except Peter Cole, of London, for the use of the author, Ed. Hayward, clerk of the Survey at Chatham, and neither Cole nor Hayward are to dispose of copies except to his Highness and members of Council, and the Admiralty and Navy officers, without special licence from the Admiralty Commissioners. Approved 12 Feb.

8. Order on desire of Maj.-Gen. Skippon, that the report prepared by the Committee on Nath. Hawes and Geo. Payne's petition, concerning their losses by the Spaniard, be considered this day fortnight.

9. The petition of Anne, wife of Wm. Cony, referred to Council May 17, 1654, read, but no order made.

10. The petition of John Ridge, merchant, concerning a small vessel laden with wines and vinegar, constrained into Chester water in her way to Dublin, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report. [*I.* 75. *pp.* 670–671.]

Feb. 9. **68.** Petition of Martin Noel, merchant, to Council. By the Ordinance for uniting Scotland with England, all goods are to pass as freely between the 2 countries as between any places in England.

The ancient English manufacture of salt, which employs many thousands of poor, will be thereby destroyed, because it is made much cheaper in Scotland, as the people there are paid in meal and other provisions, instead of in wages. I have been forced to buy of the State many salt works at Shields; I have laid out thousands upon them. I employ 1,000 workmen, who will be ruined unless you reconsider that clause in the Ordinance, so that the favour intended to the Scotch may not be destructive to the English in so ancient a manufacture.

I beg consideration when the reference on behalf of the salt makers of North and South Shields is examined, and redress. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 9. Order thereon that the petition of the salt makers of North and South Shields, presented by Major Tolhurst, and that of Martin Noel be considered on Wednesday. [*I.* 75, *p.* 676.]

Feb. 9. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Wm. Hunt, having been presented to the rectory of Kibworth Beauchamp, co. Leicester, and held it many years, till displaced on

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proceedings before the Council of State, and John Yaxley put in his place, and confirmed therein by his Highness and Council, but Hunt having recovered his place by law, and made an agreement with Yaxley, that agreement is confirmed, *viz.*, that Yaxley hold the rectory for Hunt's life, restoring Hunt his goods left there, or compensating him for what are disposed of, and paying him 120*l.* for one year, and then 80*l.* a year for life, and all execution on the judgment to be stayed unless the money fail to be paid. Yaxley is to have the rectory, tithes, and other profits, not suffering the rectory to be lapsed, or the next presentation lost by non-residency. Approved 12 Feb.

2. Mulgrave, Sydenham, Pickering, Rous, Fiennes, and Wolsley to consider how the statutes relating to weights and measures, to the assize of bread and beer, and other assizeable things, and also to common beggars, may effectually be put in execution, consult with the counsel learned and others, and report.

5. Gen. Desborow having given warrants to the Treasurers-at-war to pay out of 17,000*l.* sent to Portsmouth, being part of the 30,000*l.* ordered for special service, 5*l.* apiece to the officers and soldiers going on shipboard, for their horses, and having also given warrants for the muster of the said forces, all the payments made by his warrants are approved, and the Army Committee are to order them to be passed in the account of the Treasurers-at-war.

6. The supernumeraries added to Sir Wm. Constable's regiment of foot, to increase it from 700 to 1000, to be continued, and the Army Committee to issue warrants to the Treasurers-at-war for their payment. Approved 12 Feb.

7. Mulgrave, Fiennes, Strickland, and Wolsley to consider the settling of the government of Jersey, consult with the counsel learned and others, and report.

8. The same Commissioners to consider how the place of bailiff for Guernsey is executed, and how it may best be settled, and to report.

12. Order—on information that a quantity of English wools are driven on shore by wreck in Sussex, and thus belong of right to the Warden of the Cinque Ports, and that the Customs' officers of Rye have seized them, and exhibited in the Exchequer Court information against the Warden's interest,—that the Customs' Commissioners learn the true state of the matter, and report. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 672–76.]

Feb. 9. Whitehall. President Lawrence to Art. Onslow, Hen. Weston, — Duncombe, Capt. Rawlins, and other justices of peace for Surrey, and to the mayor of Guildford. Edw. Stanley, deputy of Fras. Vincent, who, on 10 March 1652–3, was appointed chief worker for saltpetre, in Kent, Surrey, Sussex, and Hants, on the Act of 9 Feb. 1652–3, complains of obstruction at Guildford, on pretext of non-renewal of his commission. [*See* 28 *Dec.* 1654.] On perusing the Act, Council find that the commission holds good during the time limited by the Act, and therefore we desire you to forbear further interruption. Signed 14 Feb. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 675, 680.]

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Feb. 10. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Army Committee to send into the several counties a printed copy of his Highness' Order and Declaration for an assessment of 60,000*l.* per month for 6 months, and to commend it specially to the care of such persons in each county as they think fit. [*I.* 75, *p.* 676.]

Feb. 10. Whitehall. 3. President Lawrence to the Committees of the several counties of this nation. His Highness and Council have passed an Order and Declaration for an assessment of 60,000*l.* a month, for 6 months, from Dec. 25 1654, a copy whereof is enclosed. You are desired to put the same in speedy execution, that the proportion in your county may be assessed, the collection prosecuted, and the money paid according to the specified time, so that the forces of this Commonwealth may be duly paid. [*I.* 75, *p.* 676.]

Feb. 10. **69.** Certificate by Wm. Elsey, clerk to the Committee for Surrey, that the account of Serjeant-Major Nathan King, shewing a balance of 431*l.* 8*s.* due to him for arrears of service, was entered in the county register book, 18 June 1653. [⅔ *page.*]

Feb. 12. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. John Blackwell and Rich. Deane, War Treasurers, to remove all the public treasure remaining in their hands to the Tower.

2. Sir John Wollaston, Ald. Andrews, Francis Allen, and Alderman Dethick, former War Treasurers, to remove to the Tower all the treasure remaining in their hands. The Lieutenant of the Tower to appoint a convenient room for its safe keeping.

3. Montague and Sydenham to learn what public treasure remains in the hands of the present or former treasurers, and report.

4. The Committee that brought in the Order for 6 months' assessment for England to settle an assessment for Scotland, and bring in an Order and Declaration.

5. Order on Sam. Highland's information concerning words spoken against his Highness by Geo. Hull, that Highland, being a justice of peace for Surrey, take Order to proceed against Hull according to law.

6. Mulgrave, Desborow, Wolsley, Montague, and Jones, to send for the Admiralty Judges and Dr. Walker, on some matters concerning prize goods, whereof information was given to-day.

7. Mulgrave, Jones, and Wolsley, to speak with counsel concerning setting a price on wines, and report.

8. Order—on reading an Order of Parliament of June 10, 1644, whereby a Committee was to bring in an Ordinance for disposing some lands of Lord Poulett (among other uses referring to the town of Lyme), for a reward to the military who defended that town; and of another Order of 2 May 1646; and on information that the charge of maintaining the soldiers maimed in that siege is taken off the country,—that a letter be written to Lyme, that the maimed soldiers may have reward and maintenance allowed out of the land designed for that purpose by Parliament.

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Feb. 12. Council. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

9. Approval by the Protector of 9 Orders, 25 Jan.—9 Feb. last.

10. An addition to be made to the Order of 9 Feb. about Gen. Desborow's authorizing a fortnight's pay to 40 soldiers, and a week's pay to 42 soldiers of Major Heane's regiment, other regiments of the said forces not being full, and thus these within the number of the establishment. [*I.* 75 *pp.* 677–9].

Feb. 12. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the mayor of the corporation of Lyme, to be communicated to the feoffees in trust for the land settled by Order of Parliament on the corporation. Council hears that the charge of maintaining those maimed in the siege is taken off from the country by order of the justices of the county. They also find that Parliament, out of respect to the courage of the defenders, settled land on that town out of Lord Poulett's estate, as a recompense for their loss and a reward. They therefore desire you to see that the maimed soldiers receive proper reward and maintenance, to be paid quarterly, out of the above estate; you are to use your best endeavour to see this executed. [*I.* 75, *pp* 685–6.]

Feb. 13. Ordnance Office. **70.** Ordnance officers to Gen. Jno. Desborow. According to a warrant of the Lord Protector enclosed, we have sent to the ship chandlers to send in to the stores in the Tower all the powder they have in private houses and warehouses, but some pretend that several merchant ships at Gravesend are waiting for stores of gunpowder left in their custody. Are we to deliver it to the owners of the ships upon demand, or detain it until further order? In executing this and other orders from his Highness, we meet with many emergent occasions for money, so cannot effectually proceed unless the [Navy] Treasurer be ordered to pay off our debentures, not exceeding 10*l.* [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

70. I. *Order by the Protector to the Ordnance officers, to bring into the Tower all powder in any stores within the City of London and the liberties thereof, that lies dangerously, or may be made use of by disaffected persons, to be secured to the use of the owners, and re-delivered to them as they need to dispose of it,* 12 *Feb.* 1654–5. *With note by Geo. Payler,* 14 *Feb., asking if there has been any alteration in his Highness's intentions, and if so, that this and former orders may be superseded by another in writing to the Ordnance officers.* [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

Feb. 14. Council. Day's Proceedings.

2. Order—on certification from the Commissioners for approbation of public preachers that Jos. Teate is qualified to preach, according to the Ordinance for encouragement of adventurers for land in Ireland,—that he have 50*l.* for his journey to Ireland from Council's contingencies. Approved 23 Feb.

4. The committee on the monthly assessment to consider the settling of the Excise, and bring in an order and declaration therefor.

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They are to meet to-morrow afternoon, Scobell to attend, and Desborow to take care thereof.

6. An Ordinance for reviving the Court of the Duchy of Lancaster, passed June 9, 1654, to be printed and published. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 679–680.]

Feb. 14. Westminster. **71.** Major Hercules Langrish to Wm. Jessop, clerk of the Council. Though I do not know you, yet I beg you to read the enclosed at your leisure, though it is very long, on account of the greatness and multitude of my losses and sufferings, which are only half stated, and to give me your opinion thereon.

P.S.—When I have had your opinion upon it, I will have it copied for Mr. Fiennes and other members of Council, as many have promised to assist me, and some are obliged in conscience to do their best. [*French,* 1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

71. I. *Major H. Langrish to the Protector. Long and minute detail of services and sufferings from* 1619, *especially service in Jan.* 1642, *to Cols. Hampden and Pym and other members of Parliament. Had my advice been followed, the late King had then been prevented leaving the City, for he was not much beloved, and most of the Parliament members were so highly esteemed that he could not have raised forces against them. I should also have prevented the Queen's going to Holland, and without the arms procured by her jewels and plate, there would not have been such formidable armies and loss of Christians' estates and blood.*

Being carrier to the Queen, I lost my office when she left. I have not received 100*l. from the Revenue office since, though others who fought for Parliament have received much; I have also, at the Queen's instigation, been deprived of my late wife's estate in France, to the ruin of myself and* 6 *children. My eldest son, Capt. Hercules, is in service in Ireland, and Cornet Lucullus died lately in the service. Col. Nat. Fiennes knows that Princes Rupert and Maurice often begged me to serve the late King.*

I was at the reduction of Sherborne and other places in Wiltshire, served under Sir Wm. Waller in the West, and in the service spent and borrowed 1,609*l. of my pay, and suffered much hardship and danger. Had others behaved as well as my regiment at Round-downs, Parliament had not lost the day. Yet Clem. Walker and Wm. Pym brought articles against me in Dec.* 1643, *out of malice, and I could not get a hearing. Particulars of the loss of Bristol, which were detailed by John Ash in a printed paper of* 15 *Dec.* 1643, *being through the weakness of the garrison and treachery of the inhabitants.*

I disbursed large sums on entreaty of the deputy lieutenants of co. Somerset, but have not been repaid. Col.

Alex. Popham owes me 198l. 16s. 3d.; his soldiers seized my goods and sold them at Bristol, and on my demanding them, he attempted to murder me through a Capt. Smith, but was prevented by bystanders.

My disbursements and arrears are 5,000l., and I have only received 300l. I have been 54 weeks in the Gatehouse, Westminster, for debt, and Phil. Nurse detains for Rich. Pym the arms, horses, papers, moneys, &c., ordered me by the Committee for Indemnity. I have had many orders for payment from the estates of delinquents whom I discovered, but not received enough to pay the interest of money borrowed for the State.

I beg speedy relief; also payment of 350l. lent to Col. Alban Cox in Feb. 1642–3, on earnest request of the late Earl of Essex and Col. Nat. Fiennes; also that a committee may sit on my case, and that I may have the pay due to my son Lucullus. [1½ *pp. of a large and very closely written sheet.*]

Feb. 15. **72.** Petition of Rob. Michel, master of the St. Lewis of Dieppe, to the Council of State, for a pass to proceed on his voyage. Has fitted his ship to go from Dieppe to Cape de Verd and other French plantations in Africa, and return to Dieppe. Is a Protestant, well affected, and has often assisted English merchants in Barbary and Barbadoes. Begs a warrant, on account of the danger of the seas, to proceed on his voyage. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

72. I. *Certificate by Thos. Kendal that Michel deserves favour for bravery in defending his ship against the Dutch, and against a man-of-war of the pretended King of Scots, and for being a well affected Protestant. London,* 8 *Dec.* 1654. [½ *page.*]

72. II. *Certificate by Wm. Bennett and* 6 *others, of his kindness in defending the English on the coast of Barbary from a French man-of-war. London,* 8 *Dec.* 1654. [⅔ *page.*]

Feb. 15. Order thereon granting him a pass for 4 months, to go and return. [*I.* 75, *p.* 682.]

[Feb. 15.] **73.** Petition of Colonel Robert Thorpe, prisoner in the Tower for misdemeanour, to Council, for his liberty, to perfect contracts entered into for the speedy satisfaction of his creditors. Hopes to pay the Commonwealth and all men to the last farthing. [½ *page*] *Annexing,*

73. I. *Certificates of John Rushworth and Edw. Greene,—entrusted on behalf of the Commonwealth and Thorpe's creditors, to secure what estate he has by virtue of contracts or purchases of delinquents' estates, fee-farm rents, &c.,—that he has discovered an estate of such value as will satisfy the State for damage by counterfeit bills and debentures, with which he is charged, and pay his creditors for debentures and double bills discovered and accepted, but*

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that he should have liberty to come with his keeper to Worcester House and Drury House, to assist in perfecting those contracts. 13 *Feb.* 1654–5. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 15. **74.** Order thereon that the lieutenant of the Tower liberate him for a month, on sureties, to be approved by the Worcester House Trustees as of sufficient estate, then to render himself prisoner, and meantime to do nothing prejudicial. Approved 23 Feb. [¾ *page.* Also *I.* 75, *pp.* 682, 695.]

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4. The propositions for settling Ireland delivered to Council by Lord Broghill, and other gentlemen of Ireland, who were attending at the door and called in, referred to Lambert, Desborow, Fiennes, Wolsley, Jones, and Mulgrave, to speak with the gentlemen and report their opinion. They are to meet this afternoon, and Thurloe is to attend.

5. Lord Broghill and the gentlemen again called in and informed of this order.

6. The petitions of the nobles and gentlemen of Scotland on whom fines were imposed by the late Ordinance of pardon: of Lady Mary Scott, eldest daughter and heir of the late Francis, Earl of Beaucleugh, and her tutors; and of Edward, Earl of Kincardine, Sir Wm. Scott, Patrick and James Scott, and other papers annexed, referred to Lambert, Lisle, Fiennes, Desborow, Mulgrave, Montague, Sydenham, and Strickland, to learn the state of the cases and report. Thurloe to attend them on occasion.

7. The order for continuance and maintenance of the almshouses and of the almsmen, called poor knights, and other charitable uses, whereof the late dean and canons of Windsor were feoffees in trust, passed on Sept. 2, 1654, to be printed and published. Approved 28 March.

8. One or more rooms in Derby House to be allowed for the sittings of the governors of the almshouses of Windsor Castle, to settle the corporation, if the Admiralty Commissioners can spare them.

10. The petition of Giles Vandeput, merchant of London, for a pass for the St. Peter of Lubec, 360 tuns burden, to Cadiz, read.

11. Order on petition of Arnold Woulters, merchant of Hamburgh,—stating that he having a parcel of silver value 220*l.*, laden on his account in Spain in the St. Michael, and consigned to him at Hamburg, the ship was taken by a Commonwealth vessel, but discharged in the Admiralty Court as a free vessel, with her lading, the silver excepted; yet that on the petitioner's claiming the silver, the Admiralty Court ordered the Prize Goods' Commissioners to restore it, but they were unable to do so, as it had been coined in the Mint;—that Capt. Hatsell and Mr. Jessop examine how much the silver, originally in pieces of eight, amounts to in money, and report.

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12. **75.** The Admiralty Commissioners to learn the state of the Prize Office, consider how it may best be managed, and report.

13. Rous and Strickland added to the Committee on Henrique Geo. Mendez' petition, and the report to be hastened.

15. Desborow and the rest of the Committee on a paper of discovery of frauds in debentures, referred to them Jan. 29 last, to hasten their report.

17, 18. The motto encompassing that side of the Great Seal that bears his Highness' portrait to be "*Olivarius Dei gratiâ Reip. Angliæ, Scotiæ, et Hiberniæ, Protector,*" and that on the other side to be "*Magnum Sigillum Reipub. Angliæ, Scotiæ, et Hiberniæ,*" &c. Approved 6 March.

19. The crest and lion supporter to be crowned, according to the draft in parchment showed. Approved 6 March.

20. The size of the Great Seal to be according to the draft now shown singly in paper, and that of the Privy Seal according to the largest draft of 3 in another paper shown. Approved 6 March.

21. The Seal Manual to be, in the engraving of it, fitted to make impressions on wax. Approved 6 March.

22. Thos. Simons to be sole chief engraver for the Mint and seals, and have the fee of * * per annum annexed to his place. Approved 6 March.

23. He is immediately to set about engraving the above seals, according to directions given above, and on August 25, 1654. Approved 6 March.

24. Lambert, Fiennes, Jones, and Wolsley to consider the form of a seal for his Highness' council. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 680–684.]

Feb. 15. Commission by the Protector to Chris. Pack, Lord Mayor of London, Maj.-Gen. Phil. Skippon, Sir John Wollaston, Sir Thos. Vyner, Thos. Atkins, Thos. Andrews, John Fowke, John Dethick, Rob. Tichborne, Rich. Chiverton, Step. Estwick, Wm. Underwood, and John Ireton, Aldermen; Wm. Steele, serjeant-at-law and recorder; Col. John Berkstead, lieutenant of the Tower; Edm. Sleigh, and Thos. Allen, Aldermen and sheriffs, and 23 other military officers and gentlemen, to be Militia Commissioners for the City of London.

The enemies of the peace are still restless in their designs, and have raised forces and been in actual rebellion in several parts of the nation; but their designs have, through God's mercy, been in some measure discovered. To prevent these, the army, or most of it, will have to march into other parts; therefore, lest this great City should be left naked and exposed to the rage of wicked men, you are appointed to raise such men as you think fit to bear arms, under officers (to be appointed by the Protector on consultation with you), who shall lead, muster, and employ them to suppress all rebellions, insurrections, tumults, and unlawful assemblies; and to seize, disarm, and slay all who levy forces against

Government. Also to disarm all known Popish and dangerous or seditious persons, and such as raise tumults; and to give their arms to the well affected. You are to observe the directions of the Protector and Council. Proviso, that no citizen be drawn forth of the City and liberties for military service without his free consent. [*I.* 76*a*, *pp.* 22–4.]

Feb. 16. **76.** A. Granger to Lord Adm. Jno. Desborow. Understanding that the matters depending are to be heard and determined before certain of the Council, I fear unless you are there and one of my judges, I shall be in much danger; but if you be present, I hope a happy issue. Endeavours have been used to possess you against me, presenting me as not having clearly dealt in my promise and engagements, but before I would commit any act to render your good opinion mistaken, I would suffer immediate death; should ages be added to my life, I should think the time too short to perform those willing duties which your great mercy calls for. Do not blot me out of your thoughts of mercy, by which I have hitherto been preserved, and on which I will only trust till I die. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 16. Note of a petition referred to the Committee for Petitions of Henrique Geo. Mendez, on behalf of Ferdinando Montesines Assentista, of the kingdom of Spain, for restitution of Spanish wools and cochineal imported in the St. George and Salvador. Order in Council—as to wools brought in by the Peter, Swan, and Hope, and the proceeds assigned for the King of Spain in Flanders, but the vessels taken at sea, and restitution ordered in the Admiralty Court to Montesines, in spite of which part has been seized by attachment from the Court of the Sheriff of London, at suit of Antonio Duarte Rodrigues Lamego, merchant of Rohan,—that the wools be entirely freed, as decreed in the Admiralty Court. Approved 23 Feb. [*I.* 92, No. 144; *I.* 75, *pp.* 685, 695.]

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1. Lambert, Jones, Mulgrave, Desborow, Rous, Strickland, Wolsley, and Pickering, to consider a fit way to encourage the transportation of corn, butter, and cheese, and to speak with counsel how it may be done, and report.

2. Order—on report from the Committee on Ralph Stringer's petition, touching the yearly sum of 50*l.*, for some years past paid out of the public revenue to the Minister of Macclesfield, county Chester, which sum the Committee think fit to continue;—that Jones and Montague state the case to the Trustees for Maintenance of Ministers, and recommend them to provide for him.

3. Desborow, Mulgrave, Jones, and Lord Lisle to consider how a commission for the preservation of customs and excise may be continued, and the powers of Commissioners of Appeals put in execution, for the better carrying out that service, and to report.

6. Thos. Simons to be medal maker for the State.

7. The petition of John Rathbone, referred by his Highness to Council, and a certificate from the late Treasurers at Goldsmiths'

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Hall, concerning moneys alleged by the petitioner to have been brought into Goldsmiths' Hall on his discovery, read.

8. The petition of Elizabeth, widow of Thos. Pott, late Master of the Harriers to the late King, read and laid aside.

11. Eliz. Rutter's desire for an alteration in the Council's order of August 23, considered, but nothing is to be done. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 584–6.]

[Feb. 16.] **77.** Petition of Thos. Horth, merchant, to the Admiralty Commissioners. Has a suit with Jno. Coachman respecting the Endeavour, commanded by Capt. Giles Shelly, which was taken and burnt by the French, and by which he lost 2,000*l.*; the trial being for hearing at Guildhall on 21 Nov. last, sent a subpœna to Capt. Shelly, his principal witness, at the Hope, but he excused himself, as he had a great charge of money of the State on board, to carry to Scotland, and had orders not to leave his ship, whereby petitioner had to pay costs to get the trial postponed. Coachman now takes advantage of the captain's absence, and presses for trial, on the plea that the captain is not in the service, and if he obtains the trial in the absence of the captain, it will be the loss of the suit. Begs a certificate that Shelly is in the service, and an order to the judge sitting at Guildhall to stay the trial. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 16. **78.** Thos. Lathum to Thos. Horth. The trial is fixed for next Tuesday, and will be deferred no longer unless you get the certificate. [*Scrap.*]

Feb. 17. Assistance, Plymouth Sound. **79.** Capt. Thos. Sparling to Gen. Jno. Desborow. I brought a prize into Plymouth, and sailed for the Soundings, but splitting my sails, was forced in again; after repairing defects, I set sail for my second station, but could not reach it through contrary winds. I met a French frigate, one of the permission ships belonging to St. Malo, bound home from Spain, laden with hides, sherry, sack, soap, tobacco, sugar, and oil; in the captain's chest I found 3 small pigs of silver, value 300*l.*, with a bag containing 400 pieces of 8. I brought them on board the Assistance, conceiving that they, with the few things between decks, belonged to me and my company by virtue of the votes of encouragement, which were never repealed by his Highness; but as the Commissioners of Prize Goods here demanded them, and I refused to surrender them, I have brought the whole into Plymouth, without embezzlement, and hope you will not be dissatisfied. [1⅓ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

79. i. *Examination of Wm. Caherett, master, and other officers of the Sampson of St. Malo, before Mr. Page, mayor of Plymouth.*

The owners of the ship, Frenchmen, bought her of a Frenchman at St. Malo for 6200 *livres, of which the master paid* ½; *he brought the ship from St. Malo laden with linen to Cadiz. There he unladed, reladed* 10 *pipes of sherry, and other goods, also* 3 *pigs of silver, and a bag of pieces of* 8 *for St. Malo; but meeting with contrary*

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winds, and being leaky, was forced into Lisbon, where he took in sugar, &c., between decks. The silver and other goods were consigned to Frenchmen, and the pieces of 8 to Rich. Pistos, an Englishman at Cadiz, and the soap to a Dutchman. Upon being surprised by Capt. Sparling, at the Isle of Bas, threw all the bills of lading overboard, as also a packet of letters and writings. The ship is very leaky, and if speedy course is not taken for unlading, her goods will be spoiled. [1½ *pp.*]

Feb. 17. Whitehall. **80.** Petition of Robt. Bowcher and 5 others to the Protector. On 6 and 20 Oct. last, bought from the Prize Goods' Commissioners 200 tons of whale oil at a very high rate, it being then a scarce commodity, and prohibited by the Act of 9 Oct. 1651. Between the time of sale and delivery, a great quantity was brought in, contrary to the Act, and the price much lowered, so that if petitioners should be forced to stand to their contract, it will ruin them and their wives and children. Beg release from their contract, and leave to purchase the oil at the current price. With reference to the Commissioners for Prize Goods to certify, and to the Admiralty Judges to suspend proceedings meantine. [1 *page. Copy.*]

Feb. 19. **81.** Petition of Rich. Hankin, mayor, the aldermen, common councilmen, and inhabitants of Harwich, Essex, to the Protector. God has set you over these nations for his honour and our unexpressible happiness, and fitted you to further the Gospel by advancing "painful and powerful preachers," for which all reformed churches are your daily orators, and especially all the inhabitants of our "British Jerusalem."

In our borough are 1,000 persons capable to attend worship, beside strangers flocking to one of the greatest shipping ports, yet we have no established preacher. In the corrupt times of the late King, we were joined to Dovercourt, a mile off, and the vicar preached at each place once on the Lord's day, but this has led to profaneness, tippling, and gaming in both places. We beg to have a godly divine of our own choice settled among us. Signed by the mayor, 5 aldermen, and 118 inhabitants. [1 *sheet.*]

Feb. 19. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on several examinations by Sam. Cust, Rich. Cust, and Rob. Yarborough,—concerning the imprisonment of Rob. Massey, and Thomas and Israel Cave, by warrant from John Hobson, justice of peace for county Lincoln, being apprehended on their way to a religious exercise at Gedney Dike,—to advise that Hobson be summoned to answer the objections made against him by those he imprisoned. Approved 23 Feb.

2. The report on Col. Henry Pretty's petition referred back to the same Committee, to speak with him on the matter offered in this day's debate, and report.

3. **82.** The Admiralty Commissioners to issue a warrant to the Ordnance officers to deliver to Lieut.-Col. John Cobbett 450 snaphance

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muskets, 36 pikes, 194 bandoleers, 2 barrels of powder with bullet and match, and 10 drums, for Lord Lambert's foot regiment.

6. Lambert, Fiennes, Strickland, Desborow, and Jones to advise with counsel on an Order read this day, concerning some persons in custody. [*I.* 75, *p.* 687.]

Feb. 20. Council. Day's Proceedings.

3. **83.** The Admiralty Commissioners to give order as they see cause for the supply desired by Lieut.-Col. Kelsey of guns, ammunition, and other provisions (of which a list is given) for the garrison at Dover.

6. To advise an order that persons be free to go beyond sea as formerly, the late restraint notwithstanding. Approved 23 Feb.

7. Bento De la Coste, a Portugal merchant, and his family, come from Dunkirk and stayed at Margate by virtue of the late restraint, to be allowed to proceed to London, Augustin Coronel having undertaken that they shall appear before Council to be disposed of as is thought fit.

8. Order on a letter from the mayor and jurates of Rye of Feb. 15,—certifying that Nich. Dardeen, merchant of Dieppe, Fras. Biard, Peter De la Noye, Morgan Warner, and John Browne, who lately landed there from France, are stayed till further order, upon his Highness's late letter of restraint;—that they be left at liberty to repair whither their business leads them.

9. In the order of Jan. 13, concerning Mr. Bartlett, preacher, of Bideford, county Devon, instead of the words "during the sequestration," these words "during such time as he shall continue to preach the lecture there" to be inserted.

10, 11. The report on Lord Vaux to be considered next Thursday, and that from the Committee on the propositions for settling Ireland to-morrow.

12. Jones and Wolsley added to the Committee on the petition of persons fined in Scotland.

13. Order on report on the case of Col. Henry Pretty, that the same Committee bring in a letter to the Lord Deputy and Council of Ireland, to the tenor of what was reported.

14. A letter from the Deputy and Council of Ireland, dated Dublin, Feb. 14, read.

15. The motto encompassing the Great Seal to be—*Olivarus Dei gratiâ reipub. Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ, and Hiberniæ, &c., Protector.* Approved 6 March. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 688–690.]

Feb. 20. Poultry Compter. **84.** Jno. White to Robt. Blackborne. Pray represent my condition to the Admiralty Commissioners, and obtain me some relief. I left Truro in Cornwall to join the service, and having been wounded, I borrowed money for maintenance and cure, but have only received 10*l.* out of 25*l.*, which the Admiralty Commissioners promised to repay when Jno. Carew came from Harwich; but before his return, I went to sea again, and so did not look after it. On my return, I was taken sick again, and forced to stay behind the ship, and upon recovering, was arrested, and have been confined 3 weeks without a farthing. I am likely to perish unless the Commissioners assist me.

P.S.—There are many other poor creatures with me who have not a farthing to help themselves; until I came into prison, I did not believe there was so much cruelty in the nation. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 21. **85.** Petition of Joan, widow of Thos. Shafto, late Governor of the Holy Island, for herself and the soldiers, to the Protector. Parliament, on 31 July 1645, reduced the garrison to the ancient number, and ordered the arrears of my husband and the 80 soldiers to be paid from the estate of Col. Thos. Haggerston, Papist delinquent. On 23 Aug. 1645, the arrears were found to be 1,430*l.*, and my husband was admitted tenant to the estate, and so continued till its sale at Drury House, 9 March 1651–2. The case was then referred to the Committee of Accounts, and by them to Parliament, which dissolved before it could be reported. The account shows an arrear of 955*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.*, and the county Committee of Durham certify 400*l.* in the tenants' hands before the sale. We beg these moneys towards our arrears, and will gladly accept the remainder out of sequestrated rents, to be discovered by us. With reference thereon to Council, 12 Dec. 1654. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

85. I., II., III. *Breviates of the above petition, on behalf of the soldiers.* [3 *copies.*]

Feb. 21. Reference thereon to Cols. Montague and Sydenham, to report. [*I.* 75, *p.* 691.]

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Feb. 21. 1. Order on report from the Irish Committee to advise that a Great Seal be made for Ireland, and delivered to persons fit to execute the power of the Court of Chancery there; and that judges and others necessary for executing the powers of the Exchequer in Ireland be appointed with such seals as are necessary for the Courts in Ireland. Approved, 6 March.

2. A fit number of judges to be appointed for the Courts of Upper Bench, Common Pleas, Exchequer, and Chancery in Ireland.

4. The petition and papers of Sir Geo. Theobald referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to offer what they think should be done.

5. That of John, Earl of Ethye, referred to the Committee on the petitions of persons fined in Scotland, to report on it and the other petitions.

6. The petition of Col. Nich. Devereux read, and no Order given thereon.

9. To advise his Highness to consult his counsel how those who have acted under this present Government, and have not the benefit of former indemnity, may be indemnified.

10. Fiennes, Strickland, Wolsley, Pickering, and Lambert, to read papers from Lord Nieuport, Dutch Ambassador, concerning the Peter of Flushing, seized by Leonard Barnett, captain of a privateer of Foy, and carried to Guernsey; and concerning the Dove

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of Amsterdam, seized by the Constant Mary, a privateer of Foy, and to report.

12. Order that,—as Wm. Sadlington, captain of a Brest privateer, committed many spoils on English merchants, to their great damage, and is able to do more by his knowledge of those creeks and seas, but was willing to submit to his Highness if he might be free from molestation for past acts; whereon his Highness granted him a warrant to pass with his family from France to England, and to remain here in safety, on which he brought in his ship and has lived peaceably since; but Rob. Hammond, merchant of London, has arrested him in the Upper Bench on an action of trover and conversion, for former depredations, contrary to the said pass and protection, and in prejudice of future transactions of like nature;—his Highness feels himself obliged to secure Sadlington, and requires Hammond and all others to surcease prosecution against him. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 690–2.]

Feb. 21. **86.** Edw. Taylor to Mr. Tibbs. You wished to meet me and Mr. Collison at noon, but I am engaged, therefore you must appoint some other time. [½ *page.*]

Feb. 21. **87.** Receipts for 10*l.* and 50*l.* on behalf of Major Peter Ceely, from Capt. John Pearse. [⅓ *page.*]

Feb. 23. **88.** Petition of Thos. Eles, English merchant, to the Protector, for an Order to Dr. Walker, Judge Advocate, to allow him to receive some linen, serges, and other goods, shipped by him on board the Three Kings and the St. John, in France, for St. Lucar, taken by the ships of the Commonwealth, and brought into Plymouth as prize, on giving security for their value. With reference thereon to the Commissioners for Prize Goods. [*Copy,* ¾ *page.*]

Feb. 23. **89, 90.** Propositions by M. Vandeput for the import of bullion:

1. That a declaration pass for its free import by natives or foreigners without seizure, according to the Declaration of 9 Jan. 1650–1.
2. That no letters of reprisal extend to the taking away of bullion that is to be landed in this Commonwealth, the noise of the Richauts' obtaining letters of marque against the Spaniard having struck such a terror into those of Flanders, that they dare not venture their estates here without assurance of safety.
3. That convoys be granted on request, especially that 3 or 4 ships be at Cadiz in April, to convoy the silver that will come with the galleons then expected.
4. The entry of all bullion to be made to one person appointed by his Highness, on oath not to divulge the entries, nor show the books without leave, in order to prevent the subtlety of the Spanish Ambassador in prying into what silver is imported here, or exported from Spain, to the ruin of the laders in Spain, if they should be discovered.

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5. This may advance the Mint to what it was before, when 100,000*l.* was coined yearly, whereas for the last 14 years not 20,000*l.* a year has been coined.

6. This Declaration should be dispatched by 1 March, that advice may be given in Flanders and Spain, so that we may have the benefit of the galleons then expected. The want of a like Declaration last June caused the silver, which else would have come into our channel, to be sent to Holland. [1 *page*, 2 *copies*.]

Feb. 23. Reference thereon in Council to Jones, Desborow, Fiennes, Lambert, and Mulgrave; Sec. Thurloe to assist. [*I.* 75. *p.* 693.]

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Feb. 23. 2, 18. Jones' report from the Committee of a draft of an order for continuing the Commission for preservation of the Customs read, offered to his Highness, and approved.

5. The petition of Ed. Nathley, minister,—sequestered from a fellowship in Cambridge, and lately presented to Nenfield Rectory, co. Sussex, to which he cannot be admitted on account of the sequestration, without a particular approbation from his Highness;—referred to Nye, Lockyer, Peters, and Sterry, to ascertain his submission to the present Government, and his fitness to preach, and to report.

6. **91.** The petition of Giles Vandeput, merchant of London, for a pass for the St. Peter of Lubec, from Havre de Grace in France, to Cadiz in Spain, and the draft of a warrant for passing the Victory, of French build, to go to Faro, St. Lucar, and other parts of Portugal, and to return, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to grant the passes if they see fit.

8. The petition and remonstrance of Geo. Wither referred to Pickering, Jones, Rous, Major, Lambert, Desborow, and Wolsley, to consult with the trustees at Drury House, and his Highness' counsel learned, and report.

9. Mr. Jessop to give an account to Council what orders have passed for allowing money to transport preachers to Ireland, and what persons, having received the money, are not gone.

10. Wolsley, Rous, Pickering, and Jones to prepare a letter to be sent to Cambridge concerning Mr. Ackhurst, according to this day's debate.

11. **92.** Order—on the petition of George Vyne, for his mother, 8 children and himself, and an order of 14 Aug. 1654, assigning them a debt of 600*l.*, due from the executors of Sir Sim. Every, Bart., Receiver-general of the Duchy of Lancaster,—that the Treasury Commissioners enquire as to the state of the debt, and the best means for getting it in, and report.

12. Order on a letter of Feb. 17, 1654–5, to request his Highness to publish a Declaration to forbid horse-races for 6 months within this nation.

13. Lord Lisle added to the Committee for settling Ireland.

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14. The petition of Mary Gargreave, one of the maids of honour to the late Queen Anne, read.

15. That of Elizabeth, widow of Col. John Kynnaston,—concerning a pension of 3*l.* a week settled on her, and made payable at Goldsmiths' Hall, but the payment discontinued in respect of the late Ordinance for bringing the public revenue into one Treasury; also a certificate from the Treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall, concerning a weekly allowance of 3*l.* to the Earl of Worcester, discontinued since Jan. 8, last,—referred to the Committee on the method of paying the Council's contingency money.

16. The report in Lord Vaux' case to be considered on Tuesday.

17. Approval by the Protector of 10 orders named, from 14 to 20 Feb.; orders of 25 Aug., 1654, and 15 and 20 Feb., 1654–5, concerning the seals, read, but time taken by him to consider thereof.

19. Order that—as by the 27th Article of Government, the revenue is to be raised by Customs, and in other ways, and several Ordinances have already passed for the continuance of Customs,—to the end that they may be effectually collected, Sir Wm. Roberts, John Stone, Adam Baynes, John Price, Gervase Bennet, and John Bocket be continued as a Committee for Preservation of Customs, to see to the execution of all Orders and Ordinances relating thereto, as they did before 2 Sept. 1654. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 693–6.]

Feb. 23. Fairfax, Downs.

93. Rich. Creed to [Blackborne]. I send you letters on a report touching Capt. Foster, which were sent to the vice-admiral, who is not willing his name should be used therein. The vice-admiral is so apprehensive that the captain is guilty that he purposes, as soon as the frigate sent to convoy some merchantmen to Dunkirk returns, to stay her here until the Commissioners' pleasure be received, and he is for speedily calling her in, to have time for examining the charges. The vice-admiral desires to know if the peace with France is fully concluded, and he and the Judge-advocate present their service. The Paradox has gone with Mr. Edwards to Flushing, by warrant of his Highness. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

93. i. *Thos White to [Vice-admiral Lawson.] According to your directions, I have stirred in a cistern which I thought to be pure water, but it proved so foul I am grieved to see it. I have procured what I here present, and beg you will return the three letters.—Dover,* 17 *Feb.* 1653–4. [½ *page.*]

93. ii. *Eliz. Locke to Vice-admiral Lawson. You enquire of some proceedings between a captain in the sea service and myself. The captain came to my father's house in last July pretending he was a widower, and desired him to bestow me upon him as his wife, which my father granted, if*

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I approved. He pretending much affection I consented, and we exchanged rings, but there were no witnesses present. When he went to the Seine Head, he desired me to provide my wedding clothes against his return, and if he should be ordered to London, Harwich, or Portsmouth, he would get leave to come to Dover, that we might be married. Likewise, he told me he would send to my father, to have it published in the church, so that there might be no delay at his return.

Being persuaded that he was a Godly man, I went to London to buy apparel for my wedding. But after this the master and carpenter of the Phoenix came to my father's house, and affirmed that the captain had been married to another woman many years, that his wife is now living, and that, leaving her, he went over to Barbadoes, and there had another wife; that about the time of the rising in Barbadoes, he left the second wife there and came to England; but she, intending to follow him, was drowned coming home, and now he has taken his first wife again.—Dover, 17 *Feb.* 1654. [1½ *pages.*]

Feb. 24. **94.** Petition of Mary Howell, Ann Howcraft, Ann Lanne, and Elizabeth Cooe, of East Smithfield, to Gen. Jno. Desborow. We presented a petition and letter to Robert Blackborne, addressed to the Commissioners, but received no answer. Capt. Nich. Foster, of the Phoenix, married a woman in England 16 years since, and lived with her, and then went to Barbadoes and married another woman. His wife in England, having waited eight years and hearing that he had again married, also married Wm. Wilboare, of the East India trade, and had a child by him. Capt. Foster, hearing of this, left his wife in Barbadoes, and returned to England, pretending he did so for the sake of religion; Wilboare having then gone to the Indies, Capt. Foster took his wife to live with him again, alleging that what he had done was by the advice of the best in England, so that most people who know it judge strangely of those in power. We beg that he may be checked, so that others may take warning. If the truth hereof is questioned, you can send to Mary Howell, near the Rose, in East Smithfield, when you can hear further, as Wilboare was her tenant for six years.

With marginal notes of witnesses; also examination, 28 Feb., of Capt. Foster. Married Eliz. Remnant at Old Fish Street Hill, in Sept. 1639, and being in Barbadoes, and not having heard of her for nine years, married Mary Barber; after living with her three years, she was cast away coming over to England two years since. Took his first wife again on the advice of some good people, who said it was a sin to live apart, and sinful for her to live as she did. Had no child by either, and has lived with Eliz. Remnant since August last. Has corresponded with Eliz. Locke, widow, at Dover, but never promised her marriage, although her father spoke about it, and she offered somewhat tending thereto. [1 *sheet.*]

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95. Order that eight ships of war be forthwith prepared to assist the fleet gone on the western expedition, to convoy, besides their own seamen, 1,000 landmen; that victuals and provisions be prepared for them. Also that three months' provisions more for the fleet already gone westward be sent on the State's ships or hired merchant ships. The Admiralty Committee to execute these orders. With list of 13 ships now ready.*

1. His Highness' proclamation prohibiting horse races for six months read, amended, and passed. [*I.* 75, *p.* 655.]

Feb. 24. Whitehall. Proclamation by the Protector that whereas, notwithstanding the testimony given by Providence in the timely discovery of the plots of the disaffected, care needs still to be taken to prevent any disturbance of the peace, his Highness,—considering the great concourse of people to horse races, several of which are appointed in divers parts, and the use thereof made to raise troubles,—hereby forbids all horse races in England and Wales for six months. All mayors, sheriffs, &c., to do their utmost to prevent such meetings, and all army officers and soldiers lying near to assist them. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 696–7.]

Feb. 24. London. Levant Company to Hen. Riley, consul at Aleppo. Yours of 19 June, 12 July, and 22 Sept. give account of your troubles with the Basha on his demand of 40,000 dollars because our ships did not fight with the Corsair in defence of the port, and of your success in opposing the demand, and obtaining the release of the caravan. We are troubled that you have no respite from the injustice of that tyrant Basha, and the imprisonment of our poor marine factor may have hastened his death so soon after. We have chosen as successor Wm. Bodington, taken his security, and shall send him out.

We are sorry our own factors add to the distractions by their refractory courses, but you must see our orders performed, whatever may be their conceits touching our want of authority, which we hope will be confirmed, as needful for our trade. Meantime we shall do our best here, and you must do the same. Mr. Griffith, who is to be our treasurer, will carefully collect duties on the goods of the African, newly departed, and on other ships, and give us accounts of that, and also of the leviations, which we desire to be individual and apart on each ship.

We marvel that any should be so unreasonable as to stop their consulage on the old score of the Hattecheriff business, as those very men deserted their interest therein from fear of excessive charge and trouble; therefore we are satisfied with the course you take thereon to prevent the loss of our dues. We are sorry that those of our nation are not united, the better to oppose foreign incursions. We recompense your endeavours by allowing your gratuity of 1,000 dollars for Michaelmas, 1655, to continue till further orders, as was done for 1652 and 1653, but not for 1654, you paying the 300 dollars for minister's diet.

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* This order, being secret, is not in the Council Order Book.—Ed.

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P.S.—As to a treasurer there, one responsible factor is to have the employment for a year at 200 dollars, to be changed yearly; the person to have been resident 2 years, and to be a servant to some freeman. [*Levant papers, Vol.* 4, *pp.* 236–7.]

Feb. 24. London. Levant Company to Spencer Bretton, consul at Smyrna. We still think, in spite of yours of 15 and 29 Oct. that your gratuity might have been collected out of the 2¼ dollars per cloth, which you must still collect, and return the names of refusers, but we allow the gratuity to be paid by our treasurer out of our ordinary duties. We shall refuse credit for their leviations to those who neither pay duty here nor there, and thus, we hope, reduce them to conformity.

You had gratuities for 1652 and 1653, but not for 1654; it will be renewed 1 Aug. 1655, and continue till further order.

Another ¼ of what was due on our bills of exchange being paid from the duties on the Scout inwards, we expect the remainder, 1,000 dollars, will be paid by the dues outward from that, and 3 other ships.

We hope Mr. Winchester, the minister, who left in September, is long ere this with you, else the character you gave of Mr. Haules might induce us to forbear sending one hence.

We note your present to the Captain Basha, and his civility. We can give no further orders about the cloths of Domingo Vaes de Brito, which our treasurer has taken steps to preserve from further hurt by the sea.

We are intending to appoint set and annual ships, and till their going out, we have forbidden the sending of any cloth to those parts, on penalty of 20 per cent. See that this is levied if there be occasion. [*Levant papers, Vol.* 4, *pp.* 238–9.]

Feb. 26. **96.** Petition of Joachim Laurence and David Sollicost, merchants, and subjects of the Protestant Cantons of Switzerland, on behalf of themselves and Jno. Scrottering, Senator of Hamburg, to Secretary Thurloe. Their ship, the Peter Mathias, was taken by some of the State's ships, and the goods sold by the Prize Commissioners; but after proof in the Admiralty Court, the judges ordered the goods to be restored. Having been long kept on board, they were much damaged, and sold for 5,000*l.* less than they would have yielded; and the Commissioners deducted 2,000*l.* for expenses. They pretended to deliver in kind a parcel of the goods, long since sold but not consigned, to the value of 1,500*l.*, which, being decayed, sold for 1,000*l.* less than the first bargain. They also omitted 8 casks and 45 bags of currants, 24 of almonds, and a chest of verdigris, value 500*l.*, and pretended that they never received them, but that the goods were plundered by those who took the ship. They have also delayed the petitioners 5 months, at great cost and trouble.

As this is the only claim made by the Switzers during the wars, and considering the great loss sustained by bringing up their goods without just cause of seizure, they desire that the vast charge of 2,200*l.* may be remitted or reduced, and that they may be dismissed without further delay. With reference by the Protector to the Commissioners of Prizes. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 26. **97.** Order in Council that the Admiralty Commissioners take care that 3 months' victuals be provided for Gen. Blake's squadron in the Mediterranean, or that bills of credit be sent to him to supply himself there, in whole or in part, and that they consider the best way of sending the provisions to him.* [½ *page.*]

Feb. 27. **98.** Petition of Capt. John Cramp, Jas. Sadler, and other owners of the Consent, to the Protector. In 1642 our ship, which, with the lading of Newfoundland fish, linen cloth, &c., was worth 8,338*l.*, was in Alicant, where the Viceroy gave leave for its unlading, and yet he seized and detained it, to our further loss of 8,000*l.* We cannot obtain its recovery in Spain, and have appealed to the Admiralty Court here. We beg your direction to the Admiralty Judges to report thereon, and then letters of reprizal for recovery of our loss. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 27. **99.** Order in Council for a report by the Admiralty Judges accordingly. [⅔ *page. Copy. Also I.* 75, *p.* 698.]

[Feb. 27.] **100.** Petition of several tradesmen in and about London to the Protector. We have supplied the Earl and Countess of Banbury with goods to great value, and some of us became bound for them in large sums. Lord Vaux and his wife, the Countess of Banbury, mother of the Earl, were willing to pay the debts from their own estates to procure the Earl's liberation from prison, and on the late Act enabling Recusants to compound for their estates, had agreed with the Haberdashers' Hall Commissioners for discharge of their estate; but you having suspended that Act, the composition was laid aside, and thus we are disappointed of payment. We beg you to hear their petition to proceed in their composition. 26 signatures. [1 *page.*]

[Feb. 27.] **101.** Petition of Nicholas, Earl of Banbury, Isabella his wife, Edward Lord Vaux of Harrowden, and Elizabeth, Countess Dowager of Banbury, his wife, mother of the Earl of Banbury, to the Protector. The earl and countess, being both very young, have run themselves into debt, 10,000*l.*, for which the earl has long lain in the Upper Bench Prison, and they cannot pay without sale of lands, which they cannot sell because the lands are sequestered for recusancy of Lord Vaux, though the earl and countess are "firm and constant Protestants." Beg leave to compound for the estate, and have the sequestration discharged. With reference thereon, 27 July, to counsel learned, and their report, 26 Sept., in favour of the composition. [1 *sheet.*]

[Feb. 27.] **102.** Like petition to Council. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 27. Reference thereon by Council to the Treasury Commissioners. [*I.* 75, *p.* 698.] *Annexing,*

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[*] This secret Order is not in the Council Order Book.—Ed.

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102. I. *Report of the said Commissioners, that the composition requested is inconsistent with an Order of Council of* 2 *September* 1654, *that the* ⅔ *of recusants' estates be put under government of the Court of Exchequer, with power to the Treasury Commissioners to grant leases for* 21 *years, or* 3 *lives, and the revenues to defray the expenses of Government.* 8 *March* 1654–5. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 27. **103.** Petition of Major Geo. Sanderson, servant and pensioner to the King of France, to the Protector. There are coals transported daily from Newcastle-on-Tyne to France and other foreign parts, whereby some benefit arises to the nation; but I would transport them to France with far greater benefit, without injury to any. I beg a patent for the sole transport, binding myself to transport as many as before, and to pay double customs. With holograph reference by the Protector. "We desire the Council to consider this " petition, and whether the same be not a monopoly, and so pre-" judicial to the liberty of the people; or whether it may not law-" fully be granted, to the advancement of the public revenue, upon " the reasons and grounds annexed." 19 Feb. 1655. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

103. I. *Reasons in favour of the petition: That before, the customs were often stolen, but now will be certain, and on security. That Sanderson was never an enemy, and has the King of France's patent to be the only seller of coals in France. That none will lose, for he will employ the same men and vessels at the usual rates, and desires liberty only for France.* [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 27. Note that the question whether it should be committed in Council passed in the negative. [*I.* 75, *p.* 699.]

Feb. 27. **104.** Petition of Jas. Collelas, master of the Anne of Dieppe, to the Protector. On my 2 former petitions, showing that most of the persons interested in the ship are well-affected Protestants, you stayed the sale of the ship and goods till further order. The Prize Goods' Commissioners have had her unladen, and appraised her goods at 1,280*l.*, and will speedily sell them, thus intercepting your compassion to poor Protestants. We beg an order for restitution of ship and goods. With reference thereon to Lisle, Pickering, Desborow, and Montague, to report, the ship being set to sale on Monday, at Portsmouth. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 27. Order in Council, on report about the Anne of Dieppe, taken by ships in the service, that if the French Protestant owners buy the ship and lading when put to sale by the Prize Goods' Commissioners, and apply to Council, they shall have licence to transport them to foreign parts, provided they may be transported by law. [*I.* 75, *p.* 699.] *Annexing,*

105. I. *Report on which the above Order is founded.* [1 *page.*]

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Feb. 27. **106.** Petition of divers makers of alum and copperas to the Protector and Council. These manufactures produce 50,000*l.* a year, most of which is vented beyond sea, but are burdened with an insupportable charge towards the public revenue, and the last excise was charged on the maker instead of on the buyer. When the commodities were shipped, there used always to be a defalcation of excise, because customs were paid; but since the last excise Ordinance, both excise and customs are charged. Beside the pressure of this double payment, there is an imposition on coals, which should not be charged on base coal used for manufactures for foreign vent; so that these taxes will destroy the manufactures. Beg relief, as States do not destroy their native manufactures; or if the taxes must be continued, beg they may be charged on the buyer, not the maker. [¾ *page.*]

Feb. 27. Reference thereon by Council to Mulgrave, Lambert, Desborow, and Pickering, to report. [*I.* 75, *p.* 700.]

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2. **107.** The Admiralty Commissioners to give warrant to the ordnance officers to deliver 500 muskets and bandoleers, 200 pikes, and 20 barrels of powder to Col. John Berkstead, lieutenant of the Tower.

5. The petition of Mary Symonds, widow, concerning a pension of 1*l.* a week allowed her by Parliament out of Haberdashers' Hall, alledged to be in arrear since last midsummer, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

6. To advise that 500*l.* should be advanced to Lord Hen. Cromwell, on his going to Ireland as one of the Council there; his allowance to begin from Michaelmas last. Approved 12 March.

7. Wm. Thomas, keeper of the late standing wardrobe at Windsor (all excuses set apart), to deliver to Kinnersley all the hangings belonging to the Commonwealth which remain in his keeping, to be used for his Highness' service.

11. 25,000*l.* to be sent forthwith to Ireland, and 25,000*l.* more by sea to Scotland, for pay of the forces; the Treasury Commissioners to consult with the Army Committee and Treasurers-at-war, as to how the money may most speedily be provided, and to report.

12. **108.** The Admiralty Commissioners to consider of a ship fit to transport 25,000*l.* by sea to Scotland, and to order her to perform the same.

13. The declaration and order for continuing the duty of excise and new impost read, and a clause in the 2nd folio left out.

15. Mulgrave, Lambert, Desborow, and Pickering to speak to the Commissioners for Appeals in the matter of excise, concerning complaints to Council about the excise, and to consider how a regulation may be made therein for the ease of the people, without prejudice to the public. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 697–700.]

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Feb. 27. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. The charge against Mr. Ackhurst,—containing abominable expressions uttered by him which deserve severe punishment, having been under consideration of Council, as also his answer, pleading freedom from punishment in regard of the lapse of time within which he should lawfully have been charged;—Council, desiring that all their proceedings should be lawful, send him to you, to proceed with him according to the statutes of your College. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 700, 703.]

Feb. 27. **109.** Certificate by Rich. Williams, St. Bride's, London, that 818*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.* is still due to him on assignment [viz., 374*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* and 444*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*], and has been demanded at Worcester House. [⅛ *page.*] *Prefixing,*

109. I. *Certificate by Col. Thos. Birch, that Capt. Rob. Scoales was captain of a foot company under Col. Ralph Ashton, for the safety of Lancashire, and has a true debenture for his service.* 10 *Jan.* 1654–5. [½ *page.*]

109. II.–III. *Account of moneys due to Capt. Rob. Lucas for service in Col. Geo. Dodding's regiment, as certified by the Committee for co. Lancaster, balance due,* 444*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* [2 *copies.*]

109. IV. *Assignment by Capt. Rob. Lucas, of Kellet, co. Lancaster, to Col. Wm. West, of all the sums due to him on the said debenture.* 7 *Jan.* 1652–3–4. [¼ *page.*]

109. V. *Re-assignment by Col. Wm. West, of Middleton, co. Lancaster, of the said* 444*l.* 12*s.* 6*d. to Enoch Howett, of co. Lancaster.* 11 *Feb.* 1652–3. [¾ *page.*]

109. VI. *Re-assignment thereof by Howett to Quartermaster Rich. Williams.* 21 *March* 1652–3. [¾ *page.*]

109. VII. *Certificate by Col. Wm. West, that Lucas served constantly from Oct.* 1643 *to March* 1645–6, *for the safety of the county, and was no clubman, and that his debenture is real and true.* 30 *Dec.* 1653. [½ *page.*]

Feb. 28. **110.** Petition of Capt. Wm. Sadlington to Council. Although I received your order for my discharge [*See* 21 Feb. 1655], which your messenger, Edm. Tison, served on my adversary, Rob. Hammond, yet I am still detained in prison, in contempt of your decree. I beg an order to Sir John Lenthall for my liberty, and consideration for my vast losses and charges in 6 months' imprisonment. [1 *page.*]

Feb. 28. Order thereon that Hammond attend Council to show why he refuses or delays to execute the order. [*I.* 76, *p.* 701.]

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1. Lord Lisle, Mulgrave, Fiennes, Jones, Wolsley, Strickland, Sydenham, and Desborow, to consider the settlement of a civil

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government in Scotland, and prepare something fit to offer to his Highness and Council.

2, 3. The proposition made by the Dutch Ambassador, reported by Fiennes, referred to the Commissioners on the Dutch Treaty, to speak with the said Ambassador, and report. At their next meeting with him, they are to press payment of the sum already determined by the Commissioners to determine merchants' claims.

4. The declaration for continuing the duty of excise and new impost again read, and these words inserted "the same shall be altered by consent of the Lord Protector and Parliament," when is was agreed, approved by his Highness, and ordered to be printed and published.

5. The draft of a proclamation read and re-committeed. [*I.* 75, *p.* 701.]

Feb. 28. Declaration of the Protector and Council, continuing the duty of excise and new impost, ordered in the 27th Article of the Government, for maintaining 10,000 horse and dragoons, and 20,000 foot in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and ships to guard the seas, besides the 200,000*l.* a year for other expenses of Government, to be raised by Customs, and not altered but by consent of the Protector and Parliament. All former Acts for excise and impost to be continued till further orders. The Commissioners named for Excise and Appeals, 17 March 1653–4, to remain in office. [*Excise coll. pp.* 155–7. *Vol.* 98, *June* 1655. *I.* 76 *a*, *pp.* 20–1.]

Feb. ? **111.** Petition of Wm. Hamilton, late captain for the Parliament of England, to the Admiralty Commissioners. I petitioned you the 7th of last month, and received a gracious answer; but on the 14th I was visited with sickness, and my wounds, received in the State's service, broke out afresh. I have pawned my clothes for attendance, my money is gone, and I have now no surgeon, and my solicitor has not dealt honestly by me. I have been faithful to the State in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and received a shot from an Irishman which will cause my death unless I have a speedy release from this woeful prison, which I beg may be without fees or chamber rent. [1 *page.*]

Feb. ? **112.** Petition of Thos. Greene to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have been attending the Navy Commissioners 12 months to pass my accounts for repairing and fitting out ships, and I hear that they have reported objections against my accounts. I beg to be allowed to answer them, as they are unjust, and my accusers are the persons who embezzled the goods. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

112. I. *Account, by Thos. Greene, of cordage supplied to several ships named, as extraordinary expense in harbour.* [1 *sheet.*]

112. II. *Account of* 7 *bills drawn by him on the Navy Treasurer in Dec.* 1653. [*Scrap.*]

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112. III. *Exceptions taken by Geo. Kendall to Greene's account of stores and rigging for ships, e.g., that no allowance is made for old sails and rigging; that the master shipwright has not signed the musters of the carpenters, nor is the boatswain's hand to those of workmen whose names are entirely unknown; that bills are charged for timber which was not used. "Some that were mustered for boys " at 6d. a day in former musters, are mustered for men " at 2s. 6d. a day in other musters. Quære, how they " come to be so improved in 6 months' time?"* [2¾ *pages.*]

112. IV. *Deposition of Lewis Whitehead, boatswain of the Crow, before Judge-advocate Fowler thereon.* [1 *page.*]

112. V. *Greene's vindication of himself from the above and other charges.* [1¼ *pages.*]

112. VI. *Like vindications from numerous charges of fraud in the management of stores. Was only in office* 11 *months, and has been attending a far longer time to perfect his accounts, at great charge.* [2 *pages.*]

Feb. ? **113.** Notes, partly in shorthand [by Sec. Nicholas], relative to the King's jewels in pawn in Holland. If the King had now money to redeem them, he might save ½ the sum for which they were engaged; those in Webster's hands are worth 20,000*l.*; he will only give 11,000*l.*

The 4 rubies yet free should be sent to Brussels and Antwerp, and if not sold for more, Webster to have them for 2,500*l.* on condition of redemption without interest by Michaelmas.

2,070*l.* pays the interest on the jewels at Amsterdam till 12 May, so there is still time to redeem them.

The Pindar jewel, bought for 20,000*l.*, was sold for 5,000*l.*, and may be redeemed for 5,300*l.*

Those in Webster's hands were sold to him by the Earl of Norwich for 9,000*l.*, but he promised the Queen to keep them awhile. He will deliver them to the King in 3 months for 11,000*l.* Thos. Cletcher had the great cross diamond, worth 4,000*l.* for 3,000*l.* [¼ *sheet.*]

Feb. London. **114.** Certificate by Wm. Ryley, Norroy King-at-arms, at request of Fras. Offley, gent., of Elbing, Prussia,—6th son by birth, but by the death of his brothers become eldest son,—that he finds from the records in the College of Arms that Francis is the son of Thos. Offley, agent for the merchants of London in Prussia, son of Hugh Offley, sheriff and alderman of London in 1588, second son of William, mayor and sheriff of Chester, son of Rich. Offley, of an ancient Staffordshire family, who had 23 sons and 3 daughters, and lived to be 86. The family is ancient and honourable, and has married into great houses. With assignation of arms (*missing*) to Fras. Offley. [*Latin,* 2¾ *pages.*]

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115. Like certificate as to the descent of Rich. Smyth, of Prussia, from a knightly family of Smyths, his father being Ant. Smyth, of Cuerdley, co. Lancaster, and his mother, Catherine, one of the daughters and heirs of Rich. Whitelock, whose elder brother, Sir James, was one of the Justiciaries of the King's Bench. [*Latin, 2½ pages.*]

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1. Petition of the Church of Christ in Wedmore, Somerset, to the Protector, for an Order allowing them liberty of meeting for worship in the middle room or second story of the house commonly called the Church House in Wedmore, they having no convenient place. The Church House is employed to no use but the keeping of a Court once in 3 weeks. 23 Signatures. [1 *page.*]

March 1. Order thereon for a letter to the magistrates of Wedmore to grant the petitioners the room when not employed for public uses. [*I.* 76, *p.* 702.]

March 1. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on report on proposals for the party lately come from Ireland:—

That according to the first proposals, the foot forces and staff officers lately come out of Ireland be paid from Jan. 15 last —the time of their landing in England—equally with the rest of the forces in England.

That the 2nd and 3rd proposals for recruiting each company to 100, and providing waggons and carriage horses for ammunition be suspended.

That as to the fourth, Col. Sadler be empowered to provide a competent allowance of fire and candles for the guards kept by the said party, out of contingent moneys in his hands.

That the Army Committee issue warrants, and the War Treasurers pay the said forces and staff officers according to the army establishment.

3. Order that the Committee for his Highness' houses receive the proposals of the Committee to whom Mr. Kinnersley's petition was referred [*See* 11 *Jan.* 1655], and present them to his Highness, that his pleasure may be known.

5. A mace provided by Thos. Maundy for the Serjeant-at-arms attending the Treasury Commissioners being presented to Council, with a bill for 161*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* for it;—the Clerks of Council are to see what weight of silver there is in it, and how much it is worth an ounce, and to report.

6. The letter in the case of Mr. Ackhurst, lately intended for the Master of Trinity College, to be directed to the Master and Fellows,

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and a copy of Mr. Ackhurst's charge to be enclosed. [*See Feb.* 27, *supra, for the letter.*]

7. Mr. Ackhurst to be discharged from his imprisonment by the serjeant-at-arms.

8. To advise that the 1,000*l.* ordered to the Earl of Mulgrave for the demolishing of his castle, from payments into Goldsmiths' Hall by the subscribers to the Yorkshire engagement, be paid from the same moneys as they come into the Exchequer. The former warrant cannot be paid because of the alteration of receipts. Approved 20 March.

9. Wm. Thomas, keeper of the late standing wardrobe at Windsor, to deliver to Kinnersley all hangings and household stuffs now in his hands, or which shall come in to him, which were part of the said wardrobe. All who have any such in their possession to deliver them to Mr. Thomas to that intent.

14. The following prisoners to be delivered by the Marshal-general to Martin Noel, to be shipped to Barbadoes, viz.:—

Hugh Clanchy
Tim. Bryan
Wm. Raymee
Phil. Carrey
Nich. Chahen
John Griffin
John Burghe
} 7 Irishmen taken in the last general search last summer, and certified to be upon the guard of Col. Ingoldsby.

Wm. Morris, sometime a soldier of Col. Berkstead's regiment.
Phil. Bell, committed by Commissary Gen. Whalley.

18. The 1,000*l.* which, by order of 21 Aug. 1654, the Goldsmiths' Hall Treasurers were to pay to Viscount Ranelagh, or Katherine his wife, for the use made of his estate in Ireland by the Parliament forces, out of the Yorkshire engagement, to be paid from what comes into the Exchequer thereon, as no money was paid thereon to the said Treasurers, who are now discharged from their employment. Approved 20 March. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 702–6.]

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Whitehall.

Council to John Hobson, Esq., justice of peace for co. Lincoln. Some complaints having been made to his Highness of your giving warrants for apprehending and imprisoning Rob. Massey, and Thomas and Israel Cave, being on their way to a religious exercise at Gedney Dike, he desires you to attend him and Council to give satisfaction for what is objected against you. [*I.* 75, *p.* 704.]

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2. Abr. Granger to Robt. Blackborne. The continuance of my tedious imprisonment is worse than a speedy death, and my misery augmented by the many sad inconveniences that attend a prison of this nature. Remind Lord Desborow on my behalf, for my confidence is only in him, that I may be speedily delivered from this grave of sorrow; were not God's comforts large unto my soul, I should despair. [1 *page.*]

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March 2. **3.** Petition of Mary, widow of Sir Thos. Jermyn, and Robert and Elizabeth, their infant children, to the Protector. The late King in 1638 granted to Thomas and Henry, sons of Sir Thomas, the Registrar's Office in Chancery, with its fees, &c., in trust for Sir Thomas, who, having settled all his estate on his eldest son, had no other means of providing for us, and he declared it was to be for our benefit. He lived quietly, paid his taxes, lent money on public faith, and died much in debt, for which his widow and executrix is cast into prison. The said office, by the late Ordinance for regulating Chancery, is not to be executed by deputy, but to be given to 4 registrars, so that we shall lose the benefit of it, and be undone. We beg leave to execute the office by deputy, lest we want bread. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

3. I. *True state of Lady Jermyn's claim, amplifying upon the preceding. The late Parliament granted the office to Walter Long, who deserted it, and then it was granted to Miles Corbet and Rob. Goodwin, who allowed her a livelihood from it. With reasons why she should enjoy the profits of the office for life.* [1 *sheet printed.*]

March 2. Reference thereon to the Treasury Commissioners, to enquire and report. [*I.* 75, *p.* 706.]

March 2. **4.** Petition of Dr. Chas. Croke, rector of Amersham, co. Bucks, to the Protector. I have been an adventurer in Ireland, where I have an estate in land which requires my presence to settle it, and during my abode there, I intend to employ my talent in preaching the Gospel. I wish to settle Edw. Terry, M.A., Fellow of University College, Oxford, who is God-fearing and of good parts, as minister at Amersham during my absence. I beg your leave for my absence, and his substitution in my room. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

4. I. *Certificate by Thankful Owen, in favour of Terry,* 9 *Jan.* 1654–5. [⅔ *page.*]

4. II. *Like certificate of John Owen, Christ Church College, Oxford,* 20 *Jan.* [½ *page.*]

4. III. *Like certificate of Thos. Goodwin, Magdalen College, Oxford,* 21 *Jan.* 1654–5. [⅔ *page.*]

March. 2. Order thereon allowing Dr. Croke to repair to Ireland for a convenient time, substituting Mr. Terry. Approved 20 March. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 707, 733.]

March 2. **5.** Petition of Ben. Whichcot, Provost and Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, to the Protector. Henry VI. granted them 2 tuns of Gascony wine yearly, in lieu of which they have received 10*l.* a year, and it is 2 years in arrears.

There being a late order to bring moneys into the Exchequer, and issue none without a Great Seal or Privy Seal, begs an order for the 20*l.* arrears, and 10*l.* yearly. [1 *page.*]

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March 2. Order thereon that the Treasury Commissioners enquire into their right to the 10*l.* a year in lieu of the wine, and report. [*I.* 75, *p.* 707.]

March 2. Note of a petition referred to the Committee for petitions, of the provost and fellows of Eton College, for payment of pensions of 42*l.*, 15*l.*, and 4*l.*, with arrears. Reference thereon in Council to the Treasury Commissioners, to enquire as to their right to the pensions, and report. [*I.* 92, No. 277; *I.* 75, *p.* 707.]

March 2. **6.** Petition of James, Earl of Suffolk, to Council, for leave to transport by Thos. Reeves, a servant, 12 couples of hounds, and a brace of Irish greyhounds to his brother, now residing in Holland, who earnestly desires them. [¾ *page.*]

March 2. Order for a warrant to the Commissioners of Customs accordingly [*I.* 75, *p.* 708. *I.* 112, *p.* 95.]

[March 2.] **7.** Petition of Laurence Maidwell to the Protector. Having discovered Cuthbert Morley's estate, forfeit for treason, I had, by the Act for Sale of Delinquents' Estates, half settled on me, and the other half on the Admiralty Commissioners, whereon the Commissioners for removing Obstructions made two orders to the trustees at Drury House for sale of the lands. They being obstructed by a reference from you, on a petition of Col. Colson and John Cholmley, certified thereon that the lands were not liable to the judgments they pretended, and though it is six months since the reference, Colson and Cholmley have not prosecuted it. I beg therefore an Order to the trustees to sell the estate, according to the former Orders. [1 *page.*]

[March 2.] **8.** Like petition to the Admiralty Commissioners, to recommend the sale to his Highness, as the half thereof, being 1,000*l.*, is settled on them, and ready to be paid. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

8. I. *Petition of Lieut. John Colson and John Cholmley to the Protector. We have debts due on judgments on the estates of James and Cuthbert Morley, ordered to be sold for Cuthbert's delinquency, reserving just rights; but Laurence Maidwell, one of the 6 clerks* [*in Chancery*], *on pretence of a discovery made by him, has procured a grant of half the estate, after debts paid, and obstructs justice, so that we have fruitlessly attended three years at Worcester House and Drury House. We beg your order to the Drury House Trustees for speedy and effectual justice. With order, as desired, signed by the Protector.* [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

8. II. *Statement of the case. James Morley and his son Cuthbert, on the latter's marriage with Lord Deincourt's daughter in* 1637, *conveyed certain lands in Yorkshire to Cuthbert and his heirs male, with remainder to James and his heirs male; but James dying in* 1642, *Cuthbert comes to the lands by survivorship, and so they are not liable to judgments of James Morley.*

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In August 1641, *the two Morleys mortgaged some of the lands to Jeremy and Hen. Elwis, during the life of Cuthbert only. James Morley in* 1641 *acknowledged two judgments to Cholmley and Colson, but his lands were never extended thereon in his lifetime.*

The question is whether Cuthbert is liable to the mortgage and judgments. Answer that they were allowed by the Commissioners for Obstructions on the lands that came to Cuthbert by descent, or were purchased by James since the judgments; but none of the lands settled by marriage five years before the judgments are liable, nor the mortgage that was six months before the judgments. [2⅔ *pages.*]

8. III. *Order in the Committee for removing Obstructions, on reference by the Drury House Trustees of* 10 *March on petition of Lieut.-Col. Colson and Mr. Cholmley, for allowance of incumbrances on Cuthbert Morley's estate,—after due hearing of them, Jeremy Elwis, Laurence Maidwell, and the Navy Commissioners, all of whom are interested, and hearing on what lands they respectively wished their incumbrances to be fixed, viz., Seymour and Middleton manors, co. York, and Berkhamstead, co. Herts:—that these manors be so assigned, with proviso of payment of Elwis' mortgage; and that Normanby, in Cleveland, and other manors, being part of the aforesaid lands, may be sold to the use of Mr. Maidwell and the Navy Commissioners, for aught that appears to the contrary.* 27 *April* 1654. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

8. IV. *Report by the Drury House Trustees, on reference of the petition of Col. John Colston and John Cholmley, that the Commissioners for removing Obstructions fixed on Seymour and Middleton manors, co. York, and Berkhamstead, co. Herts, as chargeable with the debts, and allowed Normanby and the other lands, co. York, to be sold. But as Berkhamstead is set forth to a discoverer of the same, for a debt charged thereon, and Seymour and Middleton are set forth to Jeremy Elwis, for incumbrances, prior to the judgment obtained by the petitioners, the debts cannot be satisfied.* 30 *Nov.* 1654. [1 *page.*]

March 2. Reference in Council of Maidwell's petition to the Treasury Commissioners, to report. [*I.* 75, *p.* 708.]

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4. Lambert, Mulgrave, Desborow, Fiennes, Pickering, Wolsley, and Lisle, to be a Committee on Foreign Plantations, to receive all proposals, &c., referring to the same, and to report as occasion requires, sending for persons as they see cause.

6. Rob. Hammond appearing, as ordered, to give an account of his not releasing Capt. Sadlington when required, Scobell is to

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speak with counsel about the discharge required by Sir John Lenthall, and to report.

9. The petition of Peter Blondeau referred to Desborow, Pickering, Lambert, and Jones, to report.

10. The petition of the lieutenant and officers of the Tower garrison for exemption from assessments, according to their ancient privileges, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report.

13. Lambert's report from the Committee on a method for payment of the Council's Contingencies to be debated next Tuesday.

14. The allowance to be made to the Heralds referred to the above Committee.

15. Order on a letter from the Army Committee,—charging Lieut.-Col. John Jones to have detained, since May 1648, 160*l.* of the British Assessments, and to have forged debentures with Roderick Evans,—that they both be arrested by the Serjeant-at-arms.

17. The petition of the salt makers of North and South Shields, Sunderland, and Blyth, also that of Martin Noel, merchant, concerning salt, referred to Lambert, Mulgrave, Jones, Wolsley, Pickering, and Strickland, to report.

18. Order on a certificate from the Commissioners for approbation of public Preachers of the qualifications of Edw. Meredith for preaching the Gospel in Ireland, and on Meredith's petition, and his Highness' order thereon,—referring it to Council that an order may speedily be granted for payment of 50*l.*, to transport him to Ireland,—to advise a warrant to pay it, on Meredith's giving security to go to Ireland within six weeks after receiving the money, Approved 20 March. [*I.* 75, *p.* 706–8.]

March 3.
London.

Levant Company to Major Salway. We would gladly show our respect to a person we so much value, by complying with your request to our Governor, to allow a bill of exchange due to you for leviations out of the money now in your hands, but we cannot; partly because that sum is already put on the account of your father, Mr. Waring, and interest allowed for it till wrought out in the usual way, but chiefly because a suit is now depending between the Company and the executors of Farnham Beamont, for a debt contracted in this very way. So the credit on leviations cannot be discharged in money, but must be wrought out in trade, or transferred to others of the Company. It would be prejudicial to make such a precedent. Therefore we pray you to order the payment of the balance in your hands to our treasurer. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 4, *p.* 239.]

March 5.

Commission by the Proctector for John Price to be one of the Commissioners for receiving Appeals in cases of Excise, appointed 17 March 1653–4, in place of Hen. Elsing, deceased. [*I.* 75. *p.* 709.]

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March 5. **9.** Petition of Sir Edw. Stuard to Council, for a pass to transport 4 horses for his own use, being captain of a foot company in the service of the States General. [⅔ *page.*]

March 5. Note that being put to the question, it passed in the negative. [*I.* 75, *p.* 709.]

March 5. **10.** Petition of Lady Mary Darcy, wife of Thos. Offley, to the Protector. On 20 Nov. last, the Anne of Dartmouth was cast away upon the coasts of Barn Shore and East Deane, Sussex, in my lordship. The ship was formerly taken by a man-of-war from the French, and sold by your [Prize] Commissioners for a small sum to Ald. Frederick of London, who gave the hull to some countrymen, in recompense for their saving the goods. On the breaking up of the ship, 12 wedges of French silver were found, which Frederick who had known nothing of it, has got into his custody, but which I conceive belong to your Highness, and therefore I presume to inform you, and beg such order therein as you think fit. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

10. I. *Dan. Budd to sheriff Frederick. On your telling me of the silver wedges in your ship, I acquainted Col. Cock, Admiralty Judge, who promised to acquaint his Highness, and a few days after, told me that he had left his Highness a note in writing about it. This I shall always be prepared to testify,* 15 *May* 1656. [*Subscribed on the petition.*]

March 5. **11.** Order on the above petition that the Admiralty Commissioners consider the contract mentioned, and the whole state of the business, and report with speed whether the silver belongs to the Protector. [½ *page; also I.* 75, *p.* 710.]

[March 5.] **12.** Petition of Alex. Turner to the Protector and Council, for payment of 119*l.* 6*s.*, arrears for service and money disbursed in attendance, according to Order of Parliament in 1646, upon the late King for 23 months at Holdenby. Obtained a reference to Council, who, 5 March 1654–5, ordered his case to be considered, but nothing has been done. Begs his arrears out of discoveries to be made by him or on his behalf, before the Commissioners for Discoveries. [¼ *page.*]

March 5. **13.** Order that his petition be considered to-morrow, when the establishment of Council's Contingencies is debated. [½ *page*; *also I.* 75, *p.* 710.]

March 5. Note of a petition, referred 24 May 1654 to the Committee for Petitions, of John Falkener, store-keeper of the Ordnance Office Tower, for payment of 129*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* due for his and his clerk's salary March 1653, and travelling expenses, according to former orders from the Parliament and Council of State. Referred by Council to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report. [*I.* 92, No. 87; *I.* 75, *p.* 710.]

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2. Council to sit every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, till further order.

4. The matter relating to money for the public service to be considered to-morrow, Montague and Sydenham to be present. The Council to be summoned.

6. The petition of Sir David Hasteville, concerning a pension of 10*s.* a week out of Goldsmiths' Hall, lately discontinued through the alteration of the Treasuries, to be considered to-morrow, when the establishment of the Council's Contingencies is debated.

9. Order, on complaint that the paymaster at Ely House has discontinued the 20*s.* a week ordered 13 March 1653–4, to Capt. Jos. Smith, that the Savoy and Ely House Commissioners certify the cause of suspension, and what information they have received concerning Smith's conversation.

12. Order on report by the Attorney-general, that if R. Hammond does not release Capt. W. Sadlington, the Serjeant-at-arms is to take Hammond into custody for his contempt, and keep him till further orders. *Annexing,*

> **14.** i. *Certificate by Sir John Lenthall to Wm. Jessop that Hammond has neither been nor sent about Sadlington's discharge.* 6 *March* 1654–5. [¼ *page.*]

13. The petition of Ed. Nathley, Minister, formerly sequestered from a fellowship at Cambridge, and lately presented to the rectory of Nenfield, co. Sussex, whereunto he cannot be admitted without special approbation from his Highness, on account of the sequestration, referred to Nath. Studley, to learn what he can of the petitioner's affection to the present Government, and report. [*I.* 75. *pp.* 709–11.]

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Whitehall.
Pres. Lawrence to the magistrates and inhabitants of Wedmore, co. Somerset. A petition in the name of the Church at Wedmore has represented to his Highness that they want a convenient place to worship in, and that the middle room on the 2nd story of the Church House may well be spared, being only used for keeping a court once in 3 weeks. This being referred to Council, they think that all fit accommodation should be given to persons that truly fear God, and manifest the same by a humble and peaceable conservation, and therefore wish the petitioners to have the said room, when it is not wanted for the public service. [*I.* 75. *p.* 711.]

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2, 4. A letter concerning English tobacco read, and referred to the Committee for Foreign Plantations, to be amended if necessary, and reported.

3. Several merchants who presented the petition concerning English tobacco, attending at the door, were called in, and desired leave to exhibit some reasons in writing, reinforcing their petitions.

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6. A letter to the Lord President from Robert Tempest, dated Wigan, Feb. 24, 1654–5, read.

8. A letter from the Justices of Peace and gentlemen of co. Monmouth, of Feb. 21, 1654–5,—representing some proceedings of the Sub-Commissioners and Farmers of Excise in that county, Brecon, and Radnor, and proposing that some person of integrity in each county may farm the Excise at the rates given by the present farmers, on sufficient security,—read and referred to the Commissioners for preservation of Excise, to do for them what seems fit.

10. Approval by the Protector of 11 orders relating to official seals, 25 Aug. 1654 to 21 Feb. 1654–5, which had been read to him 23 Feb., but he had taken time to consider them. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 712–3.]

March 6. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Commissioners for the Monthly Assessments in co. Somerset. Council having received your letter of Feb. 20 last, offer you their thanks for carrying on the business of the assessment, and doubt not that, with your care and industry in prosecution of the same, the moneys will be timely got in, and so the evils of free quarter be prevented, and the safety of the Commonwealth preserved. [*I.* 75, *p.* 712.]

March 8. **15.** Report [by Montague] to Council. As extraordinary provisions must be dispatched for the fleet and forces sent to the West Indies, for which 30,000*l.* must be speedily provided, the Protector and Council should direct a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay the Navy Treasurer 30,000*l.* The Treasury Commissioners should set apart all moneys now due, or which come in on the sale and disposal of prize goods, for payment of these provisions, until the whole 30,000*l.* be paid, and no part of the said money be diverted to any other use meantime. [*Draft,* ¾ *page.*]

March 9. **16.** Petition of Barth. de Lagum to Council, for a pass to Flushing; is a merchant of Flanders, where his wife and family live; came to England on business, and wishes to return in the Angel of Flushing, now at Gravesend and ready to sail. [1 *page.*]

March 9. **17.** Petition of Col. John Jones, of co. Cardigan, to the Protector. I am kept in custody on a bare charge of forging debentures. I beg that the charge may be put to issue with as much speed as weightier affairs will permit, and that I may be released on good bail meantime. I have divers trials coming on in Lent assizes, which induced ill affected persons to bring this charge against me. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

17. I. *Warrant of Council to Serjeant Dendy to take Col. Jones into custody for forging debentures.* 2 *March* 1654–5. [*Scrap.*]

March 9. Order in Council for his release, on good bail to render himself to the said serjeant the first day in Easter term, and meantime to do nothing prejudicial. [*I.* 75, *p.* 715.]

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1. Order on Mr. Secretary's presenting a paper for referring the losses and injuries sustained by the English and Dutch from each other, mentioned in the 30th Article of the Dutch Treaty, to Commissioners on both sides, to advise that the Commissioners to treat with the Dutch Ambassador offer the same to the Ambassador, and that it be left to the Commissioners to decide a place of meeting.

2. To advise his Highness to sign instructions to the Militia Commissioners of London. [*See p.* 72, *infrà.*]

6. The petition of Rich. Forbench, Postmaster of Southwark, for himself and other postmasters in the Kentish Road, between London, Deal, and Dover, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report.

7. Cols. Sydenham and Montague added to the Committee on the transportation of corn.

10. The petition of John Pooler, of Hartlebury, co. Worcester, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

11. Jones reports the opinion of the Committee on fines imposed on Scottish nobility and gentry, in 5 articles. He also reports the names of those concerned in the 1st article, viz.:—

	Fine.	Reduced to
	£	£
Edward, Earl of Kincardine - -	1,000	250
James, Earl of Hartfell - - -	2,000	500
James, Earl of Queensborough - -	4,000	1,000
William, Lord Ross - - -	3,000	750
Sir Lewis Stuart - - -	1,000	250
James Scott, of Montrose - -	3,000	1,000
John, Earl of Ethye - - -	6,000	2,000
Earl of Kinghorn - - -	1,000	250
Earl of Galloway - - -	4,000	600
Sir Rob. Graham, of Morphy - -	1,000	250
Laird of Gosford - - -	1,000	250
Lord Cowper - - - -	3,000	750

12. Council agrees with the report as to the Earl of Ethye, and as to suspending the remainder of fines on particular persons mentioned in the list, above the sums to which they are reduced.

13. Jones reports another paper of special cases in the first list,—

	£
Sir Wm. Scott, of Harden - -	3,000
Patrick Scott, of Thirlston - -	2,000
James, Lord Carmichael - -	2,000

14. Order on reading the cases that the above fines be suspended.

15. He also reports special cases in the 2nd list, viz.:—

Earl of Perth.
Earl of Tullibardine.
Heirs of Lord Buccleugh.

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Sir Robert Fletcher.
Sir John Wauchop } on 2 petitions referred by his
Pat. Cockborne } Highness.

16. Order that Council agrees with the reducement in the Earl of Perth and Lord Drummond's fine from 5,000*l.* to 1,666*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

That the Earl of Tullibardine's fine, reduced by the Commissioners from 1,500*l.* to 500*l.*, on Gen. Monck's letter being read and considered, be further reduced to 250*l.*

That Council agrees to reduce the fines of Lord Buccleugh's heirs from 15,000*l.* to 6,000*l.*

All Sir John Wauchop's fine suspended; and Fletcher and Cockborne's cases referred for further consideration.

17. Jones also reports a list of those fined in the Ordinance of Grace, with as much of their respective fines as is still continued on them, according to a certificate from the Scotch Commissioners. [All those whose names are marked thus * had the fines approved 6 April,] viz. :—

	Fine.			Reduced to		
	£	*s.*	*d.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
Sir John Scott, of Scottistarbet	1,500	0	0	500	0	0
Sir Rob. Farquahar - -	1,000	0	0	333	6	8
Sir Jas. Levingston, of Kilsyth -	1,500	0	0	800	0	0*
Lord Semple - - -	1,000	0	0	500	0	0*
Lord Cockran - - -	5,000	0	0	2,000	0	0
Sir John Colquhoun, of Luss -	2,000	0	0	666	13	4*
Earl of Roxburgh - -	6,000	0	0	2,000	0	0*
Sir Gilb. Elliot, of Stobbs -	1,000	0	0	500	0	0*
Lord Rollock [Rollo ?] - -	1,000	0	0	333	6	8*
Sir Jas. Drummond, of Mackenzie	500	0	0	166	13	4*
Sir Arch. Stirling, of Carden -	1,500	0	0	500	0	0*
Laird of Lundee - -	1,000	0	0	333	6	8*
Fras. Hay, of Balhowsy -	2,000	0	0	666	13	4*
Geo. Hay, of Nauchton - -	1,000	0	0	333	6	8*
Sir Hen. Nesbit - -	1,000	0	0	333	6	8
Lord Gray - - -	1,000	0	0	500	0	0*
John Renton, of Lamerton -	1,000	0	0	333	6	8*
Sir Phil. Anstruther - -	666	13	4	222	4	5*
Laird of Colervey - -	1,000	0	0	333	6	8*
Sir Fras. Ruthven - -	3,000	0	0	1,000	0	0*
Earl of Angus - - -	1,000	0	0	333	6	8*
Marquis of Douglas - -	1,000	0	0	333	6	8*
Earl of Winton - - -	2,000	0	0	800	0	0*
Wm. Murray, of Stanhope -	2,000	0	0	666	13	4*
Sir Alex. Morison, of Preston Grange - - -	2,000	0	0	666	13	4*
Lord Boyd - - -	1,500	0	0	500	0	0*
Lord Balvard [Balfour ?] -	1,500	0	0	500	0	0*

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18. Resolved on question that Sir John Scott's fine be reduced from 500*l.* to 300*l.*

19. Jones also reports a list of those whose fines are reduced by the Scotch Commissioners to ⅓; yet on consideration of the weakness of their estates, they are recommended for further reduction on the third Article of the report, viz.:—

	Fine.			Reduced to		
	£	*s.*	*d.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
Earl of Murray - - -	3,500	0	0	1,166	13	0*
Earl of Erroll - - -	2,000	0	0	666	13	4*
Murray, of Polemais - -	1,500	0	0	500	0	0*
Sir Jas. Arnott, of Ferny -	2,000	0	0	666	13	4
Lawrence Oliphant, of Bathilton	1,500	0	0	500	0	0*
—— Hamilton, of Preston -	1,000	0	0	333	6	8
—— Gordon, of Rothuney -	500	0	0	166	13	4*
Geo. Preston, of Craigmiller -	1,500	0	0	500	0	0*
Rob. Meldrum, of Tillibody -	1,000	0	0	333	6	8*
Lord Elphinston - -	1,000	0	0	333	6	8*
Jas. Mercer, of Adye - -	1,000	0	0	333	6	8*
Lieut.-Gen. David Lesley -	4,000	0	0	1,333	6	8*

20. Sir James Arnott's case to be referred back to the same Committee to report; but Council agrees to the reducements in the last 2 lists, except Sir J. Arnott and Sir John Scott's.

21. Jones also reports a list of the capitulators, referring to the 4th Article of the report.

	Fine.			Reduced to		
	£	*s.*	*d.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
Lord Duffus - - -	1,500	0	0	600	0	0*
Lord Bamff - - -	1,000	0	0	333	6	8*
Lord Finlater - - -	1,500	0	0	500	0	0*
Lord Dalhousie - - -	1,500	0	0	400	0	0*
Earl of Panmure - -	10,000	0	0	4,000	0	0*
Hen. Maule - - -	2,500	0	0	1,000	0	0

22. Resolved that Council agrees with the above reducements [*I.* 75, *pp.* 714–8.]

March 9. Instructions by the Protector to the Militia Commissioners of London, that as they have resolved to raise 3 regiments of foot, under officers already commissioned, and as horse are necessary for the safety of the city, they enlist, raise, and arm a convenient number of horsemen, under Maj.-Gen. Skippon, and officers appointed by him, to obey the same directions as the foot officers, and herein to use all diligence and circumspection, the safety of the city requiring it. [*I.* 75, *p.* 714.]

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Chatham.

18. Rob. Longe to Capt. John Pearce. You charge me with abusing you to John Whithorne, and ruining 5 or 6 captains by my coming. When the Fairfax, which is in the Downs, comes in, you must make good your charges. I owe you no money, nor have I any for you; but when we meet, I expect some from you for the business at Kinsale. [¾ *page.*]

March 10.
Portsmouth.

19. Capt. Chas. Thorowgood to the Admiralty Commissioners. 90 of the Portsmouth's men have been turned over to the Lyme, but not without some trouble. I will haul her on shore and dispatch her. The Augustine will be ready next week, but will want men, as also wood and candles, which the victuallers will not supply without order.

These are dangerous times; the deputy governor sent for me and hinted of some desperate design on foot; I have given strict command to all officers of ships to keep a stricter watch, and to stop all boats that pass after the watch is set, and if they see cause, to detain them until morning. They are willing to act for preservation of the ships, but cautious about coercing; they ask a warrant to fire upon the boats if they will not submit. [1 *page.*]

March 10.
Mayflower,
Minehead Road.

20. Capt. Peter Bowen to the Admiralty Commissioners. I received order from Lord Gen. Fleetwood and the Council at Dublin to transport Col. Robt. Sanders, Governor of Youghall, with his family and goods, to Minehead. The Little Charity, one of Gen. Penn's fleet, has put into Castlehaven by contrary winds, and could not proceed for want of provisions for horses and men. Hearing that the victualler at Kinsale refused to supply her, I plied to Castlehaven, and furnished her with 2 months' provisions for 60 men, and thus enabled her to proceed. I found 8 merchantmen also there, 3 of which were laden with horses, and were going with the Little Charity, being bound for the same port. I heard that they had lost some of their horses, and others were not likely to live; and that several gentlemen belonging to them had abandoned the design and deserted. With particulars of other ships. [1 *page.*]

March 12.

21. Petition of John Pordage to the Protector. To the same effect as that of 2 Feb. [*p.* 31, *supra*], adding the particulars in which his ejection from Bradfield rectory, co. Berks, was contrary to the Act, and begging suspension of the sentence, which would cast his family out of doors, pending his appeal. With request signed by the Protector to Council, to peruse the petition and appeal, and give their advice. 9 March 1654–5. [3⅓ *pages.*]

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22. Reference thereon by Council to Pickering, Wolsley, Lambert, Fiennes, and Desborow, to examine and report. [⅔ *page.* Also *I.* 75, *p.* 719.]

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2. Order that as by Patent, of 19 Jan. last, 92,616*l.* 5*s.* 10½*d.* was to be paid from the Exchequer to the Treasurers-at-war,—in which sum are included 5,938*l.* 8*s.* 7*d.*, 4,561*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.*, and 13,500*l.*, making in all 24,000*l.*, for pay of the forces in Scotland,—as the forces must be speedily paid, and as the Treasury Commissioners are ready to pay 20,000*l.* in part of the 92,616*l.* 5*s.* 10½*d.*, the Army Committee issue warrants to the Treasurers-at-war to send away the

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20,000*l.*, any other assignments thereon notwithstanding, and also 5,000*l.* on board any vessel appointed by the Admiralty Commissioners to be sent to Leith.

5. The report of the Treasury Commissioners on Joan Shafto's petition, for herself and the soldiers of Holy Island, to be considered to-morrow.

6. Also the report of the Committee on transportation of Corn.

14. The petition of Eliz. Hewes, Eliz. Wade, Susanna Wade, Susanna Pumritt, Eliz. Mercer, and Joan Parvo, referred to the Commissioners for Preservation of Customs, to take proper course for the redemption of their husbands and children.

15. A paper subscribed by Major Jeremy Tolhurst, touching 40 dragoons and 5 officers, referred to Commissary-Gen. Whalley, Col. Goffe, Lieut.-Col. Worsley, and the Lieutenant of the Tower, to report.

16. Also a proposition touching the horse lately come out of Ireland. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 718–721.]

March 12. Portsmouth. **23.** Capt. Chas. Thorowgood to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have got the Lyme on shore, and hope to get her off to-morrow. The deputy-governor has acquainted me and Capt. Bourne with some commotions in Wiltshire, and of 2,000 or 3,000 horse being in arms, and of their intention to seize Southampton and other places; so we have determined to keep the Augustine until further order, as no other ship is ready; she rides near Gosport, and good watch being kept, she may prevent any sudden attempt, but she ought to have more men. Let me know what coercive means are to be used, in case of refusal to answer after the watch is set. [1 *page.*]

March 12. The Lyme, Portsmouth. **24.** Capt. Jno. Bourne to Blackborne. Thanks for your care in the business of the seizure at Plymouth; I am glad to hear of the quiet in our streets. I understand this evening from the deputy-governor that there has been some disturbance in Wiltshire this morning, and that the judges have been seized. I trust the Lord will help his people now as before; I shall improve my utmost to be faithful to my trust. The Lyme has been hauled on shore. [1 *page.*]

March 13. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The draft of a Commission to be issued by his Highness to the several Militias read, and the form of the Commissions approved.

2. Instructions for the Militia Commissioners read, altered, and agreed to. [*I.* 75, *p.* 721.]

March 13. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Ed. Dendy, serjeant-at-arms. Thos. Porter having been committed to your custody, and a charge against him being since exhibited, I enclose you the articles thereof, and desire you to carry the prisoner and his charge before the justices of peace for Middlesex, and to leave him at their disposal. [*I.* 75, *p.* 721.]

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March 13. **25.** Bond of Hugh, Viscount Montgomery of Ardes, Ireland, to Edw. Conway of Ragley, co. Warwick, in 150*l.*, for payment of 51*l.* 10*s.* to Thos. Brome, of London, at Martin Noel's, St. Olave's, Old Jewry, for which payment Conway has become bound with Lord Montgomery in a bond for 100*l.* [1 *page.*]

March 13. Chatham. **26.** Commissioner Peter Pett to Col. Clarke, Navy Commissioner. I am sorry to hear the ill news of the Cavalier party being up, which I hope will turn to their ruin. I shall double my care of the Navy, and the Lord assisting, omit nothing that may tend to its safety. I have settled a guard on board the Sovereign, Resolution, and Victory, and to-morrow will send Mr. Hill, with some musketeers in his boat, down the river, to apprehend suspicious persons passing to and fro about Queenborough, where there were very many in the last rising.

I have sent an express to Col. Kelsey, as I durst not trust the post, and also quickened the master gunner of Upnor Castle to be careful of his duty. I have just returned from Rochester, where I have been advising with the mayor and his captains about securing some known Malignants about us; I wish, if Upnor Castle is intended for securing such persons, that the governor may attend his duty, for fear the prisoners (some of whom are very subtle) should outwit the master gunner, who has present charge, and so do some mischief. [1 *page.*]

March 14. Chatham Dockyard. **27.** Commissioner Peter Pett to Col. Jno. Clarke. I have heard no certain news since yours of the 12th. It is wisdom to provide for the worst, and to bless God if things succeed beyond expectation. I send a demand for the stores here; I want an order to the ordnance officers to supply them, as they may prevent mischief these dangerous times; they shall not be expended causelessly.

We have some ordnance mounted, and some hundreds of men on the works, who will be faithful, and secure the Navy; they are at an hour's warning, but arms are wanting. The guards put on board the ships will, I hope, be sufficient, unless dangers and fears increase, when I must augment the charge both on board and on shore, if so ordered. [1 *page.*]. *Annexing,*

27. I. *Account* [*by Edw. Hayward*] *of arms, ammunition, and stores required to secure the ships and magazines at Chatham, as also for Upnor Castle.* 14 *March* 1654–5. [1 *page.*]

March 14. Fairfax, Downs. **28.** Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson to Col. Clarke. Thanks for your letter intimating that the enemy have appeared in some parts, and that there are symptons of insurrection in other counties. I trust God will keep his people from those whose very mercies are cruel. I will be very diligent and watchful to prevent their getting any advantage here, and will send to all the ships north and west to do the same. We have only two ships here; there is great need of more vessels for sending convoys and orders. The Fairfax and Bristol have been out six months, and want victuals. [1 *page.*]

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1. The draft of a Commission for constituting Treasurers-at-war read, and his Highness to be requested to give his warrant for passing a Patent under the Great Seal according to its tenor. Approved 14 March.

2. Order—on Montague's report from the Treasury Commissioners of a proposition for provisions and money for the fleet on special service;—to advise his Highness to issue warrants authorising the Treasury Commissioners, out of the first prize goods' money coming into the Exchequer, to pay the Navy Treasurer 30,000*l.* on account, and no prize money to be diverted to any other purpose till this sum is paid. Approved, 14 March.

3. The draft of an order to continue the Army Committee read and agreed to.

4. The report from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning three months' victuals for Gen. Blake's fleet in the Mediterranean approved, as to the sending of the provisions by merchant shipping, and his Highness to be requested to instruct the Admiralty Commissioners as to the time and place of sending, and to issue his warrant to the Customs' Commissioners to allow the provisions to be shipped free. Approved 14 March.

6. A letter to Council from John Maidstone, his Highness' Steward, of March 1, 1654–5, for an Order for 19,000*l.*, to make up, with the 16,000*l.* already received, 35,000*l.*, for one half year's expenses of his Highness' family, from Dec. 16 last, according to the proportion of last year's expenses, referred to Pickering and Strickland, to move his Highness therein, and report his pleasure.

7. To request his Highness that additional instructions be given to the Militia Commissioners for the several counties, empowering them to secure any whom they shall have cause to suppose likely to disturb the peace of the Commonwealth.

8. Maj.-Gen. Skippon to have the lodgings lately assigned to Col. Mackworth in the Mews, with stables, coach-houses, &c. The surveyor to give him possession as soon as Mackworth's lady quits the lodgings.

9. Approval by the Protector of three orders of this day. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 722–4.]

March 14. Order and Declaration by the Protector and Council for continuing the Army Committee. The receivers-general of the six months' assessment ordered 8 Feb. being required to observe the directions of the Treasury Commissioners or Army Committee, they are to follow the instructions of the Ordinance appointing an Army Committee, of 28 Jan. 1653–4, for bringing in and disposing of the said assessments, and all other moneys appointed before 24 June 1655 for maintenance of the army; all receivers and collectors are to obey their directions. [*I.* 76 *A*, *pp.* 21–2.]

March 14. Commission by the Protector to * * * * to be Treasurers-at-war, receiving all moneys appointed for pay of land forces and garrisons, and to pay the same on directions from the Army

Committee. They are to receive the same salary as appointed by the Act of 25 July 1653 appointing an Army Committee and Treasurers-at-war, and allowance for portage and incidental expenses, on accounts to be kept and approved by the Army Committee. [*I.* 76 *A*, *pp.* 24-6.]

March 14. Whitehall. Commission by the Protector to John Browne, sen. and jun., Col. John Bingham, Rob. Coker, and 14 others, to be Militia Commissioners for co. Dorset, as the enemies are raising new troubles, and now robbing and plundering the people. To the same effect as that to the Commissioners for London, of 15 Feb. [*See p.* 43 *supra. I.* 76 *A*, *pp.* 26-7.]

March 14. Whitehall. Instructions by the Protector to the said Commissioners:—

(1.) You are to meet in some convenient place, as often as the service requires.

(2.) You are to enquire into conspiracies and secret meetings of the disaffected, and such of you as are in the commission of the peace are to take information on oath of what has been spoken, done, written, printed, or published against the peace.

(3.) You are to disarm all Papists who declare against the present Government, or correspond with or send supplies to Charles Stuart, or any other, tending to the disturbance of the peace, or who raise tumults, and to seize their horses.

(4.) You are to inquire about all strangers resorting to the country, to whom they apply, their business and occasions in those parts; and if you are not well satisfied, acquaint us with their names, and endeavour to secure them till further order.

(5.) As many arms provided by the late militia are dispersed, and dangerous use may be made of them, you are to see that all arms of horse or foot, ammunition, war provisions, trophies, &c., be secured in safe places, and inventories taken of them, whether secured or left in the owners' hands, to prevent embezzlement or misconversion, and to have them always ready for public use.

(6.) We send you commissions for your field officers, and they are to appoint the inferior officers on your approbation.

(7.) As any delay in suppressing the present insurrection would be hazardous to the three nations, you are, in this exigency, to charge persons with horses and arms according to their estates, with respect to the ease of the well-affected, that the burden may be laid upon the malignant and disaffected, who have been the cause of this insurrection.

(8.) You are to see that the horses and arms be put into the hands of the well-affected, who are to be trained and mustered in companies, and formed into regiments, and drawn out to suppress the present rebellion, and all

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other invasions and insurrections in the county, and to bring the authors and abettors to condign punishment, acting on orders from us or our Council.

(9.) You are to imprison mutineers, disordered persons, or those who will not obey you according to these instructions.

(10.) You shall levy fines, not exceeding 20*l.*, on those who do not appear with horses and arms on any rebellion, levying the fines on their lands and goods, and employing them in the service.

(11.) You shall require the sheriff of the county, and all other officers and ministers, to aid you, and you are to correspond with the commanders of the forces, who are required to assist you on application. [*I.* 76; *also pp.* 27–9.

March 14. Like commissions and instructions to the following:—

Cheshire.—Sir Geo. Booth, Peter Warburton, serjeant-at-law, Sir Wm. Brereton, Bart., and 12 others.

Chester.—Col. Thos. Croxton, Wm. Crompton, Thos. Aldersey mayor, Alderman Walley, and five others.

Durham County.—Col. Rob. Lilburne, Sir George Vane, Geo. Fenwick, and 11 others.

Stafford.—Sir Chas. Wolsley, Sir John Wyrley, and 11 others.

Suffolk.—Cols. John Fotheringall, Edm. Harvey, and Hum. Brewster, and 21 others.

Essex.—Sir Wm. Masham, Bart., Sir Thos. Honeywood, Col. Thos. Cooke, of Pedmarsh, Col. Thos. Cooke, of Chissell, Sir Rich. Everard, Bart., and 16 others.

Yorkshire, East Riding.—Thomas, Lord Fairfax, Maj-Gen. John Lambert, Sir Thos. Widdrington Commissioner of the Great Seal, John Bright High Sheriff, and 12 others.

Yorkshire, West Riding.—Fairfax, Lambert, Widdrington, Bright, Col. Chas. Fairfax, and 15 others.

Yorkshire, North Riding.—Fairfax, Lambert, Widdrington, Sir John Bourchier, George Lord Eure, and 11 others.

Northamptonshire and Rutland.—Mr. Barkely of Daventry, Sir John Dryden, Wm. Dryden, John Cleypole, jun., Master of the Horse, John Cleypole, sen., and 21 others.

Cambridgeshire.—Sir Fras. Russell, Bart., Maj.-Gen. John Desborow, and 10 others.

Isle of Ely.—Russell, Desborow, John Thurloe, and six others.

Hertfordshire.—President Hen. Lawrence, Col. John Fiennes, Sir Rich. Lucy, and 10 others.

Lancashire.—John Atherton High Sheriff, Col. Gilb. Ireland, Sir Rich. Houghton, and 21 others.

Leicestershire.—Fras. Hacker, Wm. Hartopp, and 18 others.

Monmouthshire.—Hen. Herbert, Wroth Rogers, and 14 others.

SOUTH WALES.—Philip Earl of Pembroke, Sir Erasmus Phillips, Col. Bussy Mansell, Col. Rowland Dawkins, Sir Hugh Owen Bart., and 18 others.

YORK CITY.—The Lord Mayor, Maj.-Gen. Lambert, Sir T. Widdrington Commissioner of the Great Seal, Sir Wm. Allenson, John Geldert, Step. Watson, Thos. Dickinson, Leonard Thompson, Chris. Topham, Wm. Medcalfe, and Rob. Horner, Aldermen, and 11 others.

BRISTOL.—The Mayor, Col. Adrian Scrope, Rich. Aldworth, Rich. Vickris, Jos. Jackson, Miles Jackson, and —— Gibbes, Aldermen, and 13 others.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE. — Valentine Wauton, Abr. Burrell, and 9 others. [*I.* 76 *A*, *pp.* 30-3.]

March 15. Note of a petition referred, 19 April 1654, to the Committee for Petitions, of Mat. Young, for payment of 1,472*l.* due to him as administrator, for 1,117 qrs. of oats delivered to the Parliament forces in 1642, and for leave to stop 1,000*l.* of it out of his farm of the Excise in Kent; also of a paper by Thos. Brooks, about the losses of Young and others in their renting of the Excise in Kent. Referred by Council to the Excise Commissioners, to see whether Young has just cause of relief about the Excise. [*I.* 92, *No.* 74. *I.* 75, *p.* 726.]

March 15. COUNCIL OF STATE. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order to the Admiralty Judges and Commissioners for Prize Goods to free and restore the Neptune of Copenhagen, seized by Capt. Bourne of the Portsmouth, because, though she was trading with the Islands of St. Christopher and Mevis, contrary to the prohibition against the trading of strangers in the English Plantations in America, it was done by special license of the Governors of those islands.

29. 5. The report from the Admiralty Judges, on reference of Council of 17 Aug. 1654, on the petition of Gilb. Keate and other owners of the Marmaduke, referred to Mulgrave, Strickland, Wolsley, Montague, and Jones, to consult with the Admiralty Commissioners, and report. Approved 16 March. *Annexing,*

29. I. *Report alluded to, detailing the circumstances of the capture and re-capture of the Marmaduke* [*see Calendar, June* 1652, *pp.* 308-10], *the state of the crew,—being* 25 *Plymouth men,* 5 *Londoners,* 3 *Spaniards, and* 2 *Dutchmen, only one having been in her when she left London—the state of the ship, lading, and ordnance, total value,* 1,200*l. With the Judges' opinion that if Rupert were considered a pirate at the time of capture, the vessel should be returned to the owners; but if an enemy, the ship is the State's, only she should have the benefit of the Salvage Act, the rather as being retaken without hazard to the State. Doctors' Commons,* 6 *March* 1654-5. [1¾ *pages.*]

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March 15. 7. Order on report from Cols. Sydenham and Montague, on petition of Joan Shafto [*see* 21 *Feb. supra*], that 395*l.* 3*s.* 8*d.*, received from the estate of Sir Thos. Haggerston by the Commissioners of county Durham, be paid to the soldiers of Holy Island from the Exchequer, in part of the 955*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.* due to them. Approved 20 March. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 724–6.] *Annexing,*

30. I. *Report alluded to, advising this payment, and also that they should have the remainder of the* 955*l. from their discoveries.* 28 *Feb.* 1654–5. [1 *page.*]

30. II. *Accounts of Capt. Shafto, governor of Holy Island, showing the balance due of* 955*l.* 12*s.* 2½*d.* 11 *Nov.* 1651. [*Parchment, double sheet.*]

30. III. *Order in the Revenue Committee that the accounts for Holy Island, engrossed in parchment, be reported to Parliament by Hum. Edwards.* 6 *Jan.* 1651–2. [⅔ *page.*]

30. IV. *Certificate by Thos. Brown, auditor, of the receipt by the County Commissioners of* 395*l.* 3*s.* 8*d. from the estate of Sir Thos. Haggerston.* 9 *March* 1653–4. [*Copy,* ½ *page.*]

March 15.
Marlborough
7 A.M.
31. Thos. Cox, agent for co. Wilts, to Col. Jno. Clarke. I lodged last night at the Post House, thinking to go with the mail, but as it was stayed, took post to Gen. Desborow at the Greyhound, Maidenhead, and delivered your letter. I waited on him 2 or 3 miles beyond Reading, changed my horse, and rode towards Andover side, to hear what intelligence was stirring; I heard that Major Butler was with 4 troops in Sarum, and that some gentlemen were gone to the enemy out of Hampshire and Berkshire.

Meeting with a Bristol carrier, he told me that 2 troops had marched out of Bristol, joined 2 more troops of Bath, and gone for Sarum; I thereupon sent a messenger back to Newbury, as ordered by the General. I went on to Marlborough, and met Gab. Martyn, late M.P., come from Sarum, and brought him and Mr. Blissett together; Blissett had a letter from Major Butler, wanting money, and had let him have 100*l.* without order, for his extraordinary occasions.

Martyn and Blissett compared intelligence together, which much agreed, and the substance was that the sheriff had reported the enemy to be 600 or 700, and that they were in great fear; that Major Butler was in Sarum with 4 troops, and intended quartering there on Wednesday, although not to engage with them.

On my arriving at Marlborough, we sent to Major Butler that the General was at Newbury with troops, as also to the General that the Major was at Sarum with 4 troops, and left them to do as God should direct. On Tuesday night last, 20 horse marched to the enemy within 6 miles of the Major, which he narrowly missed. I will forward any further intelligence. Your messengers were with both the General and Major before 12 Wednesday night. [1 *page.*]

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March 15. **32.** Secretary Jno. Thurloe to Col. Jno. Clarke. I send you this warrant for perusal before it is passed, lest you say that it will not do the work. Return it forthwith, or you must bear part of the blame of the delay. [⅓ *page.*]

March 15. The Lyme, Portsmouth. **33.** Capt. Jno. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I will take special care as to the safety of the ships in harbour; I would have liked a few days at home before going to sea, but I am making all speed to get out. I hope Capt. Young, who is come down, will be useful. The deputy-governor has sent a foot company to Southampton to secure that town, at the desire of the honest men there, but things are very quiet and in good posture, and there is no fear of any enemy's attempts. The Lord rebuke and scatter those foolish, mad men. [1 *page.*]

March 15. The Lyme, Portsmouth. **34.** Capt. Jno. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I will use all circumspection in preventing danger to the ships in harbour, and afford all assistance in getting out Capt. Archer, as also the Portsmouth and Lyme. I will apply to the deputy-governor to put some soldiers on board such ships as have no men, and will go myself to Cowes and Yarmouth roads, and order the ships there to Weymouth. I will repeat the notice I gave to the [captain of the] Preston, when I heard of this insurrection, to be very careful in guarding the ships under his charge. [1 *page.*]

March 15. Dover Castle, 2 P.M. **35.** Capt. Thos. Wilson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I will send your order to all ships in the Downs, Dover, or near thereto; I hope the Lord will frustrate the designs of unreasonable men. We are credibly informed by several passengers from France, that a large force of horse and foot has been brought down to most of their frontier towns and garrisons along the sea coast. What the end is, we cannot learn. [⅓ *page.*]

March 15. Fairfax, Downs. **36.** Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I will send to Capt. Clarke to hasten to Weymouth Road, but he has gone as convoy to St. Valery, and other ships named are gone convoys to other places; I shall have but 2 vessels here, but with those I will do as much as possible to prevent the enemy gaining any supplies or advantage; if ordered, I will ply in the Narrow, or elsewhere. [1 *page.*]

March 16. Notes of petitions, all in *I.* 92, referred to the Committee for Petitions, of their reports, and of Orders thereon in Council, all in *I.* 75, viz.:—

Sir Geo. Thebalds, referred 29 March 1654, for arrears of an annuity granted him by King James. Order on report from the Treasury Commissioners of his sad condition, advising a warrant to pay him 20*s.* a week pension during his Highness' pleasure. Approved, 20 March. [*I.* 92, *No.* 56; *I.* 75, *pp.* 727, 733.]

Lady Emlyn, widow of Sir George Keir, referred 17 May 1654, for arrears of an annuity of 200*l.*, granted her by King James. Reference

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thereon to Montague and Sydenham, to enquire as to the patent and report. [*No.* 95, *p.* 727.]

Louisa Houston, for a pension in lieu of 12 years' arrears of an annuity of 400*l.* granted her by the late King James, her husband being in service in Scotland. Noted as read, and laid aside. [*No.* 133; *p.* 728.]

March 16. **37.** Petition of John Clarke, of Edmundsbury, Suffolk, to the Protector. In Nov. 1648, was ordered by the Commissioners for monthly Assessments in the county to receive 6 months' assessments for the army and for Ireland, which came to 12,000*l.* Got them in with expense and trouble, because of insurrections and the siege of Colchester. On 14 Dec. 1648, his house was broken open, and 185*l.* of the money stolen, the robbers missing 3,000*l.* laid up in a closet. Begs an order for the allowance of the 185*l.* on his accounts. With holograph reference thereon to Council. Noted as read, 24 Jan. 1655–6. [1 *sheet.*]

March 16. Reference thereon by Council to the Treasury Commissioners, to consider how the matter may be best executed, and report. [*I.* 75, *p.* 728.] *Annexing,*

37. i. *Report of the said Commissioners in favour of re-payment of the* 185*l.*, *on Clarke's paying in all moneys in his hands, as collector of the assessments.* 21 *May* 1656. [⅔ *page.*]

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2. Order on petition of Mary Gargreave, and on consideration of her age, wants, and former condition, to advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay her a pension of 10*s.* a week, beginning from this date. Approved, 20 March.

3. Montague, Jones, Mulgrave, Wolsley, and Fiennes, to consider what should be done as to the allowance of a salary to the Probate of Wills' Commissioners, and to report.

10. The petition of John Manley, concerning the horsing of passengers and conveyance of letters by private post, referred to Pickering, Mulgrave, Jones, and Sydenham, to report.

11. Fiennes, Wolsley, Mulgrave, the Treasury Commissioners, Strickland, and Lambert, to advise with suitable persons, and consider how the personal estates of those in this rebellion may best be secured to prevent embezzlement, and to report. They are to meet this afternoon.

12. The Order for continuing the Army Committee being approved by his Highness, was presented to Council, when it was moved by Sydenham that the words, "The Treasurers of War and," might be inserted in the last clause; which, on the question, was ordered; as also that the title shall be, "An Order and Declaration "of his Highness and Council for continuing the Army Com"mittee;" and that the same be forthwith printed and published.

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March 16. Council. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

13. Approval by the Protector of 3 Orders of 15 March.

14. The form of letters to the sheriffs of counties read and agreed to. *Annexing,*

> I. *The Protector to the Sheriffs of Counties. As the persons hereunder named have lately raised forces and taken up arms for subversion of the Government, we, by advice of our Council, authorize you to inventory, appraise, and secure their goods and personal estate within your county, that the Commonwealth may have their value when the persons in rebellion are convicted by course of law. You may take security from any who offer it, and return it to us with the inventories. For the better effecting thereof, we recommend to you* * * * [*being the Sequestration Commissioners in your county*], *as persons fit to be employed in the work.*
>
> *You are also to give notice to the tenants of the said persons to forbear to pay to them any rents or arrears. We expect your special care and diligence, and a speedy account of your proceedings. Whitehall, March* 1654–5. [*I.* 75, *p.* 729.]

15. The Treasury Commissioners to fill up the blanks in the said letters with the names of the Sequestration Sub-commissioners in the several counties, and Mr. Secretary to give the names of the persons whose estates are to be secured.

16. To advise warrants to the Treasury Commissioners to pay G. Frost 5,000*l.* on account of Council's contingencies.

17. Order that out of the said 5,000*l.* Frost shall pay the horse and foot regiments certified by the Army Committee to be in or about London 100*l.* apiece; to be repaid to the said contingencies out of the first moneys coming in on the 6 months' assessment, and to be defaulked out of the next warrants for pay of the said regiments. The Army Committee to issue warrants to the War Treasurers to pay the same to Frost, and to defaulk accordingly. Approved, 20 March.

18. To advise that Thos. Simons be constituted sole maker to his Highness and the public service of medals and their chains, with a salary of 20 marks a year, and with the free use of the presses, rolls, cutters, &c., in the Tower. Also that he be constituted chief graver of the Mint and Seals, with a salary of 30*l.* a year. Approved, 20 March. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 727–31.]

March 16. Whitehall. Council to Thos. Simons. In pursuance of the Orders of the Protector and Council, of 25 Aug. 1654, and 15 and 20 Feb. 1654–5, you are to engrave a Great Seal, Privy Seal, and Seal Manual, according to the rules prescribed in the said Orders, and the drafts to which they refer. [*I.* 75, *p.* 731.]

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March 16. Chatham. **38.** Com. Peter Pett to the Admiralty Commissioners. I received yours with the blessed news of the dispersion of the enemy. I will secure the arms if they come down. If there is a necessity for using them, I doubt not they will be a means to secure the navy for some time; but if otherwise I will put them on board the first frigates appointed for sea, which will prevent any damage to the State by their laying up. If the Phoenix could have furnished the powder demanded, I would not have troubled you. Victualling of ships; all will want men on their arrival in the Hope. [1 *page.*]

March 16. Portsmouth. **39, 40.** Capt. Chas. Thorowgood to the Navy Commissioners. The steward of the Pelican is gone to London, and the steward of the Augustine refuses to proceed until he has the same money as the other had, and will do nothing unless he can gain by it. There are few really honest stewards, boatswains, or gunners. The Lyme has taken in 30 tuns of beer. If the Portsmouth had men, she would soon be ready.

We have received strict orders from the Admiralty Commissioners to keep a very strict guard on board our ships; but we have not a man upon 4 of them; so unless you order us to enter some, we cannot comply. We have 4 vessels to unload for the State's account, and no men to do it. [2 *copies.*]

March 16. Wincaunton. **41.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Col. John Clarke. This morning I met the General, who was on his march by 1 a.m. We hear from Crockherne that the Tories, as the Somersetshire men call them, were routed last Wednesday at South Molton, and many sent to Exeter gaol, whence they may expect a good deliverance by a Devonshire jury. The General has disposed the troops in order to apprehend those that are fled, and has written to the sheriffs of Wilts, Dorset, Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall to apprehend all suspicious persons; also to the justices to enquire diligently after all persons who have absented themselves from their habitations for 10 days. He intends to ride to Exeter, and spend some time there in examining these royal prisoners, from whom I hope some public good may be obtained.

P.S.—Last Tuesday's letters were taken by the Cavaliers, including the orders for dispatch of the Great Charity. [1 *page.*]

March 16. Sevenoaks. **42.** Col. Thos. Kelsey to Rob. Blackborne. I want to know how affairs stand with you, and to have news as to the Cavalier party, who, I hear, are up in several places. All things are quiet in these parts, and they are either totally ignorant of the design, or desperately cunning in the carriage of it; but I rather think it is not laid in this county. [1 *page.*]

March 17. Sevenoaks. **43.** Col. Thos. Kelsey to Col. John Clark. We have little news here, but expect daily to hear from London how it goes in other parts. There is no great danger in these parts, although there are enemies enough, and if a force were not here, I fear they would be ready to appear, but the ill success elsewhere has much discouraged them. The Malignants here have more mind to be quiet, save some of desperate fortune, than those elsewhere. [½ *page.*]

March 17. Great Charity, Plymouth. **44.** Capt. Leo. Harris to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have received yours, doubting much the miscarriage by the way, because of the rising of the rebels. I had sent you another by Capt. Jno. Blyth, but he was forced to return back from Exeter, and he has been an eye witness of what I wrote you. I have unloaded my ship, am repairing defects, and will use all diligence to proceed on my voyage, but want men. [1 *page.*]

March 18. Fairfax, Downs. **45.** Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson to the Admiralty Commissioners. There is great delay in the postmasters between Southwark and Sittingbourne; yours of the 13th did not reach me till the16th, and that of the 15th till last night. I have already given order to examine all ships and vessels going from any port in England. If the Cavaliers come over or pass in small vessels and fishing boats, the best service will be done by small vessels and boats, so that this ship cannot be of any advantage; but I will do what I can with my boats about the Foreland in the night, which is the time of their motion. Another ketch or hoy would be very serviceable, as also the Nonsuch, built at Barking. She is a swift sailer, and carries 6 guns.

The Sparrow has sailed, but I will call her back; the Yarmouth has arrived from Dunkirk. I have sent to Mr. White at Dover to victual her for two months, when she might lie off Portland Road, and the Bristol come in to victual. [1¾ *pages.*]

March 18. Chard. **46.** Major Jno. Desborow to the Admiralty Commissioners. I understand by the enclosed, and also by the bearer, that some of the frigates are likely to do good service on the Brest men-of-war. Some additional strength might keep them in, and annoy the French trade, both of which will be of no small concernment to this nation. I hear there were 20 scattered people brought into Exeter last night by the country people. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

46. I. *Robt. Barboure to Robt. Blackborne. I saw your brother James at Plymouth last February, and he was well. I went to sea, and plied between Scilly and Ushant, and had very foul weather. We chased two Flemings into Brest, firing guns after them, when 3 King's men-of-war, hearing the guns, sailed out of Croyden Bay for Brest. The Saphire being ahead of us fought the two headmost; but being clean tallowed, they got away; we being next, forced the sternmost on shore, and sent our boat on board her with small shot, when the country people threw stones down the cliff so fast that our men were forced to retreat; but the ship bilged and sank with a man they left on board with his arm shot off.*

The next day we saw the Star, which they took from the merchants, hauled within the point to tallow, and French *soldiers came to the seaside with white colors, so we sent a trumpeter on shore to parley, who was civilly entertained. Meantime some country gentlemen came on board and were entertained.*

We tried day by day to run up with our ships as near as we could, and sent a party of men to bring off the Star frigate, or burn her; but blowing hard, we could do nothing. They have raised stones upon the beach for a battery, with 3 *or* 4 *guns, but to no effect. We find we may ride in Croyden Bay, and keep all King's men-of war from coming out of Brest, so that when our victualling is almost spent, we have relief with other frigates.*

Our lieutenant and I went on shore about a parley, where, among the French, was one Capt. Smith, a Scotchman or Newcastle man, who had heard that the King was in Hull. We said if he were not, we wished he were. He also said that the Presbyterians were greater in England than we were aware of, and hoped to see Mr. Cromwell (he scorned to give him any excellent title) in a lower condition ere long; but we told him we wished to see him higher, and his enemies lower still. We told him that France and divers other places were like to know what Englishmen were, before the work now in hand is done, which caused his spirit to be something abated. Though it should be the principle of every man to build up others in the same form with themselves, as yet the mark of the beast is not worn out from among the sons of men, but by Providence has been much diminished within these few years. The Assurance, Brest, 17 *March* 1654–5. [1¾ *pages.*]

March 19. Council. Day's Proceedings.

4. The fine imposed, by the Act of Grace for Scotland, on Sir John Scott, of Scottistarbet, of 1,500*l.*, which was reduced to 500*l.*, and then to 300*l.*, to be discharged and taken off, in consideration of his pains and service. [*I.* 75, *p.* 733.]

March 19. The Protector to the Attorney-General. Our pleasure is that, for well guarding the seas in these stirring times, and securing the trade and honour of the Commonwealth, you prepare a commission to the Admiralty Commissioners, and the Generals at sea, to impress mariners, shipwrights, and others, between 15 and 50 years old, for the fleets at sea, paying 1½*d.* a mile conduct money, and the wages given in former years; and also to take up ships, lighters, tackle, &c., at reasonable rates. Also to stay vessels in the Thames and impress men out of them, leaving as many as will serve them at their moorings; with provision for inflicting punishment on such as refuse impress, hide themselves to avoid it, fail to appear, having taken conduct money, or neglect to attend the service. Also with our strictest command against taking corrupt reward, or using sinister practises to spare or discharge persons or ships from impress; also proviso against the impress of the masters or officers of ships. With writ of assistance. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 732–3.]

March 19.
Whitehall.
President Lawrence to the Forester and officers of the New Forest. In consideration of the public affection of the town of Poole, and the prejudice to their quay, through great guns employed in the State's service, his Highness and Council, at instance of the corporation, have allowed them oaks, value 100*l.*, from the New Forest. You are therefore to assign to the magistrates oaks, not reserved for the Navy, to this value, for repairing the wharf, and have them delivered to their order. [*I.* 112, *p.* 104; *I.* 75, *p.* 731.]

March 19.
Exeter.
47. Rich. Creed, to the Admiralty Commissioners. We have come this night to Exeter, where the solemnity of the General's reception might serve to fill a page of Walker's next pamphlet, and might show men's affection in such doubtful times, and indeed the country have manifested it by their appearing against the rebels here. Notwithstanding our march day and night, we could not arrive in time to see any of them in arms, as they were like a hare started, and could not endure the report of any force making towards them, though at a great distance; they were hurried on by their fears and guilt, and hardly stayed 3 hours in one place; they received a better fixation in the gaol of this town, and others adjacent, where 140 of them are in custody. It is hoped the judges will be speedily down to try them. [1 *page.*]

March 19.
Nightingale, Plymouth Sound.
48. Capt. Robt. Vessey to Robt. Blackborne. I thank the Almighty for my escaping the many difficulties and dangers which might have happened to me by the Cavalier party, then in my way, now dispersed; so that I arrived at Exeter on Saturday, took post at 3 p.m., and notwithstanding the badness of the way, darkness, and supposed danger, arrived at Plymouth by 12 p.m., and finding the frigate under sail, took command, got her to anchor, and to-night or to-morrow will set sail. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

March. 19.
Portsmouth.
49. Capt. Chas. Thorowgood and Jno. Tippetts to the Admiralty Commissioners. We are glad to hear the Lord is still pleased to appear in owning His own cause against those sorts of men; we will take the best care to secure the ships in harbour, but 4 have not a man belonging to them, and the gunner and steward of the Essex are both in London.

Particulars of Ships. The new frigate is delayed for want of men. The captain of the Augustine will join his company at Cowes to-morrow. [1 *page.*]

March 19.
Fairfax, Downs.
50. Vice-admiral Jno. Lawson to Robt. Blackborne. Pray forward the enclosed. I hear that there is a stay in France of all English and Dutch ships, and that they are pressing seamen apace. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

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March 19. The Advice. **51.** Captain Fras. Allen to Robt. Blackborne. I have been plying between the Humber and Newcastle for examining all vessels coming from beyond sea, but have not met with any suspicious persons. I met a small barque of Bridlington, from Amsterdam, bound for Newcastle, who reported that she dared not enter any place, there being a report in Holland that Hull, Bridlington, Scarborough, Newcastle, and other places were secured, "for an old thing, called a King." So that it may easily appear that the last hellish invention and combination was not in one place; but let it be where it will, I hope the Lord will turn it upon their own heads. I came into Bridlington for necessaries, and heard that 10 days since, the old enemies of peace had endeavoured a rising, but were detected and blasted in their wicked purposes; as many are fled, I will be more careful not to let any vessel pass without knowing all about her. I want orders for victuals, but while they last, I will be diligent in my station. [1 *page.*]

March 20. Council. Day's Proceedings.

Approval by the Protector of 13 Orders. 27 Feb.—16 March. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 733–4.]

March 20. Maidstone. **52.** Col. Thos. Kelsey to Col. Clarke. All things are quiet; I hope they will continue so; I am longing to hear how it goes in other parts. We hear that Capt. Crook has routed Wagstaff's party in the West. There is a great appearance at the assizes, and for ought I can perceive, all our dissatisfied Parliament men are keen enough against Charles Stuart's interest, and would appear, if need were, against him. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

March 20. Maidstone. **53.** Col. Thos. Kelsey to Robt. Blackborne. Col. Guibon has raised 3 troops of horse in the Weald of Kent, but I hope there will now be no need of them. Pray send me the news to Rochester. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

March 21. Maidstone. **54.** Col. Thos. Kelsey to Col. John Clarke. The bearer will give account how the troops in Kent are in arrear for their quarters. I have been forced to borrow considerable sums to prevent free quarter, and therefore if there be any orders for giving out warrants on the new assignment, pray add to them the pay of these troops, being 2 of the Lord-Deputy of Ireland's, 2 of Col. Twisleton's, and 3 of Col. Jackson's; for it would much disaffect the country if they were put on free quarter. I hope for the foot at Rochester. Let me have news. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

March 21. Fairfax, Downs. **55.** Vice-admiral Jno. Lawson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I received your letters, and understand how the Lord has broken and dispersed the malicious and desperate crew of Cavaliers at Salisbury, which is another signal testimony of God's displeasure against that wicked interest, and is what I believe he would have done, had they been abundantly more formidable than they were. I return your last of the 19th, so that you may see the gross neglect of the postmasters. I have ordered the Yarmouth to ply off

Portland, and the Bristol to return, having but 7 days' victuals; also the Sparrow Pink. I beg that Vice-admiral Howitt may be ordered out with the summer guard, as if there be any action, he will be very faithful and serviceable. [1 *page.*]

March 21. The Bristol, Portland Road. **56.** Capt. Robt. Clarke to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have been plying off Dungeness by order of Vice-admiral Lawson; the commander of the Paradox cannot give any account of that party of enemies who were up, but hears they are dispersed. I have only victuals sufficient for 16 days. [½ *page.*]

March 21. Exeter. **57.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Col. Jno. Clarke. The examination of the prisoners will not be ended until to-morrow, although they are examined by 8 persons in 4 separate places. Some discovery has been made of others who were not with them, and that some were highwaymen, so that the despatch of that affair will be of double concernment. I hear from Cornwall that the Cavalier party there were very jovial before the notice came of their defeat. Particulars of the forwardness of the ships at Plymouth. [1 *page.*]

March 22. **58.** Petition of the well affected domestic servants and creditors of the late King, who stayed at their abodes during the wars, paid all taxes, and served for defence within the lines of communication, to the Protector and Council. You ordered us 9,717*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* out of fines of delinquents in Scotland, in lieu of so much due from goods of the late King taken into your hands [*see* 2 *Sept.* 1654], which fines we hoped would have been paid by 2 Dec., but we hear that nothing will be paid in any reasonable time. We are aged, the youngest being 60, and we have spent all we have in hopes of relief. We therefore beg a speedy course for payment of the 9,717*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* [⅔ *page*; *also I.* 92, *No.* 326; *see* 13 *July* 1655.]

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3. Lambert, Fiennes, and Jones to consider of and prepare a letter to be sent about the country militia, and to send letters for stopping recruits, and doing other things of present necessity.

4. Commissary-Gen. Whalley, Col. Goffe, Col. Twistleton, Major Packer, Lieut.-Col. White, and Col. Berkstead, to consider how the recruits of the several regiments of horse may most speedily be dismissed; also what consideration should be allowed them, and how best it should be dispatched to them, and to report.

5. Letters to be sent to Lord Chief Justice St. John and Justice Atkins, to desire them to repair forthwith to his Highness.

6, 7. Commissions of oyer and terminer to be issued to the several counties, for trial of those who have been in the late insurrection, and Wolsley, Jones, Lambert, Strickland, Mulgrave, Lisle, Pickering, and Skippon, to consider the whole business touching their trial, and offer the names of those to be on the several commissions. Sec. Thurloe to assist this Committee.

8. Col. Phil. Jones to go into Yorkshire, to perform a special service for the State.

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9. Order that the supernumeraries levied 25 Dec. last, to raise the regiments of the Protector, and Cols. Ingoldsby and Goffe to 1,200, be continued; that Maj.-Gen. Lambert's foot regiment be raised to 1,000, and that the Army Committee issue warrants for payment of them and their officers, &c., with arrears.

10. To advise that the Commissioners for the French Treaty be directed to go to Lord Bordeaux, Ambassador from France, to receive what he shall offer.

13. The Committee of Council on the settling of the civil Government of Scotland to bring in their report to-morrow.

15. To request warrants to the Treasury Commissioners to pay the Treasurers-at-war 180,000*l.* out of the first moneys coming in on the first 3 months' assessment of the 6 months from Dec. 25, at 60,000*l.* a month, as imprest on account of the Army.

16. Col. Sydenham's draft of an order touching the assigning of the first 3 of the present 6 months' assessment by the Army Committee read, and committed to the Treasury Commissioners. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 734–7.]

March 22.
Whitehall.

Council to Col. Wroth Rogers, Governor of Hereford. His Highness having communicated to us yours of the 17th instant, about your securing Col. Birch and his house, we send you our resolution thereon; and that we may have a full account of the business, you are to cause those who heard Birch speak the words named in yours to be examined in writing on oath, and transmit the examinations here, with what else you find on search of his house. We thank you for your care for the safety of those parts. [*I.* 75, *p.* 734.]

March 23.

Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Orders on report from the Committee of Council appointed to consider the trial of persons in the late insurrection, [*See* 22 *March*], and to offer names to be on the several commissions, viz.:—

2. That a letter be sent to the Recorder of London, to come up speedily.

3. That a commission of oyer and terminer for counties Wilts, Dorset, Somerset, and Devon be issued to Baron Fras. Thorpe, Serjeant John Glynn, Wm. Steele, Recorder of London, John Haggett, justice of co. Carmarthen, &c., and 43 others named, including the mayor of Salisbury; 5 to be a quorum.

4. That some persons be sent down to prepare for the trials in the West.

5. That letters be written to the sheriffs of the several counties to attend.

6. That the commissions extend to counties Wilts, Devon, Dorset, and Somerset. *Annexing,*

59. I. *Rough draft of the above orders Nos.* 2, 4–6, *adding that a warrant should be sent to the seal for the sheriff of the county to give notice to the persons.* [1½ *pages.*]

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59. II. *Notes signed by Wolsley, Jones, and Strickland, similar to orders Nos.* 3, 2, 4, 5, *and* 6. [3 *pages.*]

59. III. *List of names in No.* 3. [1⅔ *pages.*]

59. IV. *Draft of the said list much corrected.* [2 *pages.*].

8. That the clerks of Council prepare letters to be sent to the several persons, according to the tenor of these votes.

9. That the said Committee hasten their report as to the commissions for other counties, and meet this afternoon thereupon.

11. The form of a letter reported by Lambert, to be sent to the several counties which were forward in suppressing the late insurrection, read, and approved.

14. The proposals in Council concerning Popish Recusants to be considered next Tuesday. [*I.* 75., *pp.* 737–9.]

March 23. Whitehall. President Laurence to the Attorney-General. His Highness has determined to issue commissions of oyer and terminer under the Great Seal, for bringing to trial persons engaged in the late rebellious insurrection, one of which is to be awarded for cos. Wilts, Dorset, Somerset, and Devon. As some persons of integrity should be sent down to prepare what is necessary for the trial, Council think you and John Sadler should be the persons to go down into the West, of which I give you this notice. [*I.* 76 *A*, *p.* 41; *I.* 75, *p.* 738.]

March 23. Like letter to John Sadler. [*I.* 76 *A*, *p.* 41.]

March 23. Whitehall. Pres. Laurence to Justice Atkins, of the Common Pleas. His Highness and Council, thinking your speedy coming up will be of use, have commanded me to request you to hasten hither, as soon as the business of the assizes under your care is over. The occasion will be told you at your coming up. [I. 76 *A*, *p.* 42.]

March 23. Like letter to Wm. Steele, Recorder of London, and justice of assize. [*I.* 76 *A*, *p.* 42.]

March 23. Navy Office. **60.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. Notwithstanding the great goodness of God in the discovery of the late deep and bloody plot, contrived by the enemies of the peace and safety of this poor nation, we shall neither be found faithful to our trust nor prudent to make improvement thereof, unless, at this juncture, we offer you our present thoughts, which are of no little weight upon our spirits.

Though your intelligence from foreign parts, and your knowledge of the present state of affairs at home, is far clearer than ours, yet we crave leave to express our apprehensions, viz., that we are not in so secure a posture as to our guards in these seas as is necessary, the season of the year and the reports of foreign preparations, particularly in France, being compared; what security have we to conclude to ourselves upon the confederacy with those whose interest only leads them to become seeming friends to us?

Therefore upon these grounds, we conceive it consistent with the rules of prudence to give speedy order for the fitting and victualling of all the frigates at Chatham and other ports, that are ready as to the carpenters' work, and to hasten the rest. For easing the charge, those frigates at Chatham or here in port might be carried down to the river's mouth, and remain there, being equipped for 4 months, except as to the number of men; they have only ½ of their proportion, but on emergency men may be speedily supplied out of ships that pass to and fro to this port. [1 *page.*]

March 23. Pembroke. **61.** Capt. Rich. Brown to Rob. Blackborne. I delivered your letter to Capt. Bowen in Caldey Road. The insurrection being in England, and great fears of the like here, we are putting ourselves in a posture to secure the peace of the country; and Capt. Bowen being so near, the Governor of Tenby and I have prevailed upon him to remain 8 days with his ship in Tenby Road, by which time we hope to hear well of things abroad, or it will be worse here; he will be very useful if we should be straitened on a sudden; I am ordered to be near Tenby garrison. Col. Dawkins, commander-in-chief here, will tell the Commissioners the reason of Capt. Bowen's remaining.

March 24. Whitehall. The Protector to Sir Thos. Honeywood, Col. Cooke, Dudley Templar, Major Heynes, and the rest of the Militia Commissioners of Essex. We doubt not but you have heard of the good hand of God in defeating this insurrection. We hear from all parts that the risings are everywhere suppressed, hundreds of prisoners in custody, and more daily discovered and secured. We hope an effectual course will be taken to disappoint the whole design.

The readiness of the honest people to appear has much encouraged us, and discouraged the enemy, who, had he prevailed, would have made us the most miserable and harassed nation in the world. We thank you for your zeal and forwardness, incited, we believe, not only on account of your own happiness, but the glory of God and good of these nations.

You wish us to consider ways to find money to carry on this work; had the business continued, we must have done so, but we wish to ease, not to burden this nation; we are tender of charges, and therefore we desire you to thank your countrymen for their forwardness, and to assure them that we shall watch the enemy's stirrings, and give timely notice of their approach, and we hope those good hearts will be ready to appear when called out. Meantime they may continue at their homes, blessing God for deliverance and peace.

Letters are written to all justices of peace to keep diligent watch and take a strict account of strangers, especially on the coast, which will suppress loose and idle persons, and cause some of those who come from abroad to kindle fires here to be apprehended and seized, especially if care be taken to secure all that cannot give a good account. If what ought to be done by law were diligently done, such dangerous designs would be frustrated in the birth. [*I.* 76 *A*, *pp.* 34–5; *printed in Carlyle's Cromwell, Vol. V. pp.* 228–30, *edit.* 1872.]

March 24. Like letters to—

Col. Guibon, Lieut.-Col. Kelsey, &c., co. Kent.
Majors Wade and Creed, the Mayor and Aldermen of Gloucester, &c.
Col. Hacker, and the Commissioners for co. Leicester.
Col. Dawkins, ,, South Wales.
Col. Crompton, Capt. Backhouse, and the Commissioners for co. Stafford.
Col. Jermy, and the Commissioners for Norfolk.
Col. Brook, Majors Horseman and Blake, and the Commissioners of co. Northampton. With a P.S. that Capt. Rhodes is to be ordered to march back forthwith with his horse hither.
Lieut.-Col. Rogers, and Capt. Nicholas, Governor of Chepstow, for cos. Hereford and Monmouth. With a P.S. that Major Rogers is to disband the soldiers above the establishment, and give a month's pay to the supernumeraries who have been constantly in duty at Col. Birch's house, and Ludlow Castle.
Col. Crowne, Governor of Shrewsbury, &c., for co. Salop.
John Copleston, Sheriff, Col. Shapcott, &c., for co. Devon.
Cols. Norton and Whetham for co. Hants.
"The gentlemen who appeared in opposition to the late rebellion and insurrection," co. Worcester. [*I.* 76 *A*, *pp.* 35–6.]

March 24. Whitehall. Like letter, omitting the 2nd paragraph, and 2 or 3 lines beginning the third, to the following :—

Sir Wm. Constable, and the Commissioners for co. York.
President Lawrence ,, ,, Herts.
Col. John Bingham ,, ,, Dorset.
Col. Croxton ,, ,, Chester.
Col. Gilb. Ireland ,, ,, Lancaster.
Col. Hum. Brewster ,, ,, Suffolk.
Col. Ingoldsby ,, ,, Bucks.
Col. Gorges ,, ,, Somerset.
Vice-Chancellor and Mayor of Oxford ,, Oxford.
[*I.* 76 *A*, *pp.* 36–7.]

March 24. Whitehall. The Protector to Sir Thos. Aston and the justices of peace for co. Bedford. You will have heard of the disappointment of the late insurrection. We, and all others entrusted to preserve the peace, should endeavour to defeat the enemy's intentions, and therefore we beg that diligent watches, such as the law appoints, be kept for taking a strict account of all strangers in your country (and principally near the sea[a]). It will suppress loose persons, and cause some of those who come from abroad to kindle fires here to be apprehended, if care be taken to secure all that cannot give a good account of themselves, and it may break dangerous meetings and assemblings. We expect your effectual endeavours, for if what by law ought to be done were done diligently, these designs would be frustrated in the birth. [*I.* 76 *A*, *pp.* 37–8. *Printed in Carlyle's Cromwell, Vol. V., p.* 227.]

[a] This passage was left out in letters to inland counties.

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24 March. Like letters to the justices of peace of the following counties :—

Edm. Dunch, and others for	co.	Berks.
Sir Rich. Piggott,	„	Bucks.
Sir Fras. Russell, Bart.	„	Cambridge.
Sir. Geo. Booth,	„	Chester.
Ant. Nicholl,	„	Cornwall.
Chas. Howard,	„	Cumberland.
Sir Fras. Burdett,	„	Derby.
Sir Fras. Drake, Bart.,	„	Devon.
John Browne,	„	Dorset.
Geo. Fenwick,	„	Durham.
Sir Wm. Strickland, Bart.,	„	York.
Serj. Rob. Barnard,	„	Isle of Ely
Sir John Barrington,	„	Essex.
Bennett Hoskins,	„	Hereford.
Sir Rich. Lucy,	„	Herts.
Sir Beauchamp St. John,	„	Hunts.
Sir Thos. Style,	„	Kent.
Sir Thos. Hartopp,	„	Leicester.
Sir Wm. Brownlow,	„	Lincoln.
Sir Wm. Roberts,	„	Middlesex.
Hen. Herbert,	„	Monmouth.
Sir John Hobart, Bart.,	„	Norfolk.
Sir John Dryden, Bart.,	„	Northampton.
Sir John Fenwick, Bart.,	„	Northumberland.
Sir Fras. Molineux, Bart.,	„	Notts.
Sir Fras. Norris,	„	Oxford.
Rob. Horseman,	„	Rutland.
Thos. Mackworth,	„	Salop.
Sir John Horner,	„	Somerset.
Rich. Whitehead,	„	Hants.
Sir John Wyrley,	„	Stafford.
Sir John Barnardiston,	„	Suffolk.
Sir Rich. Onslow,	„	Surrey.
Sir Thos. Rivers, Bart.,	„	Sussex.
Sir Simon Archer,	„	Warwick.
Sir John Lowther,	„	Westmoreland.
Serj. John Wylde,	„	Worcester.
Sir John Evelyn,	„	Wilts.
Sir Hugh Owen, Bart.,	„	Anglesey.
Edm. Jones,	„	Brecon.
Sir Rich. Price,	„	Cardigan.
Sir Erasmus Phillips, Bart.,	„	Carmarthen.
Sir Wm. Williams, Bart.,	„	Carnarvon.
Thos. Fell,	„	Denbigh.
Sir Rob. Eyton,	„	Flint.
Bussy Mansell,	„	Glamorgan.
Howell Vaughan,	„	Merioneth.
Hugh Price,	„	Montgomery.
Roger Lort,	„	Pembroke.
Geo. Gwyn,	„	Radnor.

[*I.* 76 *A*, *pp.* 38–9.]

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March 24. **62.** Examination of Jno. Palmer before Col. J. Clerke. Lives in Holborn, opposite St. Andrew's Church. Was sometime a bookseller in Oxford; also a messenger to Mr. Wilmott, receiver for Worcestershire. Has a pension of 2*s.* 6*d.* a week for a wound received in Capt. Danser's company, belonging to Col. Rainsborough's regiment, while at sea. Received the letter of attorney signed by Marg. Wilmer, of Bristol, 3 weeks since. Never saw her there, but in London; said afterwards that he did not know any such person, and that having forged the writings, he solicited the mercy of the [Admiralty] Commissioners. The certificate from sea was brought to his wife by a woman, who promised her 40*s.* if the money due upon it could be obtained from the Commissioners, and she thereupon personated that woman. Married his wife 3 years since at St. Dunstan's Church, Mr. Reeves being the minister. She had been 7 years widow of Cornet Kitson, in Lord Denbigh's regiment.

On question, said that he received the certificate from John Poulton, a soldier who has gone to the West Indies, and whom he had known for 4 years at Ely House, he being a patient there.

Has letters of attorney from Thos. Green, in Worcestershire, for 4*s.* a week; from Dorothy Rands, of Southwark, for 2*s.* 6*d.* a week; from Jno. Hands, also of Worcestershire, for 2*s.* a week; and from Eliz. Hancklow, residing in London, for 2*s.* 6*d.* a week. These letters are renewed every three months, and he receives 1*s.* in the pound for his pains. Employed Pattison, an acquaintance of his wife, to go to the Commissioners for Sick and Wounded, and promised him 20*s.* Made a copy of Fisher's certificate, and sent it to a scrivener to complete. Neither knows Granger nor Fugill, but accidentally saw Granger in Newgate. The persons for whom he receives the pensions are really paid by him.

Like examination of Jno Pattison. Had a letter from Mrs. Palmer, through Margaret Wilmer, desiring him to demand the money ordered to Mrs. Wilmer by the Commissioners in Little Britain, or the return of her writings. Has known Mrs. Wilmer two years, when he saw her at Bristol; knows nothing of her writings, save the letter of attorney which was delivered to him by Palmer and his wife, whom he had known 3 years, when he was a surveyor of land, employed by the Committee at Drury House to survey land in the country. Left Ireland 3 years since, and 6 or 8 weeks afterwards went to the Savoy sick, and received an allowance of 4*s.* 8*d.* a week for 2 years; then went to Thomas's Hospital, Southwark, for 7 weeks, after which the Commissioners at the Savoy gave him 20*s.*, and sent him to Liverpool, but he did not go. Received of them altogether 9*l.* upon his discharge.

On being further examined, says he saw Mrs. Wilmer at Whitehall within the last 6 months, and that he knows Palmer's wife, who was formerly Jane Kitson. [2½ *pages.*]

March 24. **63.** Vice-Admiral Jno. Lawson to the Admiralty Commissioners.
Fairfax, Downs. I boarded a sloop from France, and found three gentlemen on board, one pretending to be a Swedish merchant, and the others Flemings

from Dunkirk, seeking employment as soldiers in England. I sent them to Capt. Wilson at Dover Castle. I ordered the ketch attending the fleet to ply between the coast of France and the Foreland, for discovering anything she can. [1 *page.*]

March 24. Fairfax, Downs. **64.** John Pitt to Rich. Creed, secretary to the Generals of the Fleet, Whitehall. To like effect. We all are quiet, and joyful at the dispersion of the Cavalier party, who have so often assaulted the peace and quiet of the nation. I hope the fleet will be as ready as those upon land for their subversion. I believe that most mariners would be very glad to fight them, were there any at sea, being sensible of their having caused the shedding of much blood in the late wars, and endeavouring to embroil the nation into a new quarrel. [1 *page.*]

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March 25. **65.** Account of the issues of 16 small estates, houses, or lands in co. Chester, lately belonging to the King, and now to the Protector. [2 *pages.*]

March 26. **66.** Petition of the Greenland Commissioners to the Protector. In their whale fishing, often meet with French ships, who would take them prize if they were not strong. In 1652, procured a warrant from the Council of State to the Admiralty Judges, to issue privateers' commissions for their ships, but peace being made with the Dutch, and the French not named in their warrant, a scruple is now made about granting commissions upon it. Beg an order to the said Judges to grant them for 3 ships of strength, under experienced commanders, that they may defend their own ships, secure their fishing, and take the French as they have occasion. With reference thereon to Council. 19 March 1654–5. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

66. I. *Warrant of the Council of State to the Admiralty Judges, to grant privateers' commissions to the captains of several ships bound for Greenland.* 23 *July* 1652. [½ *page.*]

March 26. **67.** Reference in Council of the above petition to the Committee for foreign Plantations. [½ *page. I.* 75, *p.* 741.] *Annexing,*

67. I. *Report of that Committee,* 2 *April, for the granting of the commissions to the ship-masters, on security not to use them except in the said voyage, and not then unless first assaulted by the French.* 2 *April* 1655. [¾ *page.*]

March 26. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. To advise his Highness that thanks be returned in his name to the Lord Mayor and the rest of the Militia Commissioners of London, for their forwardness in execution of their trust. Approved 28 March.

2. To advise his Highness to appoint officers to take possession of the Little Park, King's Meadows, and Bushy Close, Windsor, the interest therein of Fras. Thompson and Hen. Cannon ending 25 March last.

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3. Order on further report about the trials in the West, that Roger Hill and Rich. Graves go as assistants to the Attorney-General, instead of Mr. Sadler, to prepare what is needful, and that notice be sent them accordingly.

4. Also that Baron Nicholas and Mr. Solicitor repair thither, and that letters be sent them accordingly. *Annexing,*

68. I. *Notes of the 2 preceding orders.* [½ *page.*]

5. The draft of an instrument presented by Sec. Thurloe, for ratification of the award made in pursuance of the 30th Article of the Dutch Treaty, concerning losses sustained by the English in the East Indies, added to, read, and approved.

6. A paper presented by Thurloe and signed by Lord Nieuport, Ambassador from Holland, concerning renewing 6 months' time to the Protestant cantons of Switzerland for umpirage of all demands about losses sustained by this Commonwealth, and the Dutch, each from the other, and not already determined, read and approved.

8. The report of Peter Rowe, Solicitor of the State as to reprisals depending in the Admiralty Court, touching proceedings of the judges delegate in the case of the Three Kings of St. Malo, referred to Fiennes, Montague, Jones, Pickering, and Strickland, to examine the proceedings, call witnesses, and report.

11. A pass to Sir Wm. Russell, 2 servants, and necessaries to go beyond seas, refused.

23. The order from the Treasury Commissioners reported by Montague, touching the more regular issuing of the first 3 months' of the 6 months' assessment, read with amendments, and agreed to.

24. To advise his Highness,—on a paper of November 10 last, signed by Rich. Sherwin and John Leech, Treasurers at Goldsmiths' Hall, naming the salaries due to the Commissioners for managing estates under sequestration, and their officers, and some other contingent payments;—to issue warrants to the Treasury Commissioners to pay as follows:—

Edw. Winslow, a Commissioner for Sequestrations, &c., from 24 June to 19 Dec. 1654, when he left the employment, at the rate of 300*l.* a year.

The following officers, their salaries from 24 June 1654 to 25 March 1655, viz.:—

Rich. Moore, John Upton, Edw. Carey, and Rice Williams, Commissioners, at 300*l.* a year.
Martin Dallison, registrar, at 150*l.*
Thos. Browne and Dancer Hancock, auditors, at 175*l.*, each.
John Birkenshaw, examiner, at 100*l.*
Thos. Vincent, usher, and Wm. Hale and Thos. Hamersley, messengers, at 20*s.* a week each.
Jas. Plummer, hallkeeper, at 5*l.* a year.
Thos. Fowle, solicitor from 24 June to 17 Oct. 1654, and Dawbeny Williams, present solicitor, at 100*l.* a year each.

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John Brereton and Peter Reading, counsellors, 5*l.* a week.

Rent at 60*l.* a year to the Haberdashers' Hall committee, for the use of their hall from 12 July 1654.

Thos. Vincent, his disbursements for books and stationery, fire, candles, &c.

The said salaries, &c., to be first certified to the Treasury Commissioners by the Auditors of the Exchequer. Approved 14 April. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 739–44.]

March 26. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the governor or other chief magistrate, Customers, and other officers of the ports and creeks, and members thereof. His Highness, by advice of his Council, having thought it necessary to make an embargo through the nation on all vessels, except fishermen and coasters from port to port, till 3 April next, you are not to permit any other vessels to pass till the time is expired, or till you have farther orders. [*I.* 75, *p.* 744.]

March 26. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to John Hildesley, Col. Whetham, Edw. Hayes, Thos. Boreman, and John Pitman, justices of peace for co. Hants. Council hearing that some magistrates and others of Southampton, during the late insurrection, showed disaffection to the Government, and discouraged those who appeared for it, wishes you to enquire into the matter, examine witnesses, and report. [*I.* 75, *p.* 748.]

March 26. Whitehall. President Lawrence to Rich. Graves. His Highness and Council think some person of integrity and ability should be sent down to prepare for the trial, by oyer and terminer, of the persons engaged in the late insurrection, and have chosen you, Roger Hill, and the Attorney-General, of which I give you notice. With note of like letter to Roger Hill. [*I.* 76*a*, *p.* 42.]

March 26. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Solictor-General Wm. Ellis. Council wishes you to come up to London as soon as possible on the public service. [*I.* 76*a*, *p.* 43.]

March 26. Like letter to Rob. Nicholas, Baron of Exchequer. [*I.* 76*a*, *p.* 43.]

March 26. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Wm. Steele, Recorder of London, and justice of assize for Essex, &c. Your speedy resort hither being of much concern for the service, Council wishes you to hasten to London as soon as you have done your business in Essex, leaving the rest of the circuit to be dispatched by Justice Aske. [*I.* 76*a*, *p.* 43.]

March 26. Exeter. **69.** Rich. Creed to Robt. Blackborne. We are going this day to Taunton to examine the prisoners there; we expect to return to Exeter before coming to London. [½ *page.*]

March 26. Exeter. **70.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Col. Jno. Clarke. We have gone through the examination of the persons, and find they discover others who joined with them, but who are not yet taken, and are not considerable. The most intelligent among them say that the ground that gave them encouragement to carry on their design was the assurances they had from Wagstaff and one Pyle, that the nation would generally be up in arms for them; that a great body of foot would be landed from France in the West, under the conduct of the Duke of York; and that their King would be in the North, and many such like bravadoes.

There are 20 or 30 of them worth the halter, and 6 or 8 old grooms and serving men the rest notable young fellows, who generally came in; seeing and hearing that such gentlemen were and would be engaged; these, I suppose, would do well in our plantations abroad, concerning whom Capt. Alderne may tender you a request.

I suppose it would be well if a Commission of Oyer and Terminer were sent down for their trial, and the sooner the better, the country being now much set against them; the longer they lie the more pity will be got towards them; besides, the industry of their friends will not be wanting in their behalf. General Desborow has gone to Tiverton, from whence 200 men came to be armed against the enemy, upon notice of their coming westward. Thence he intends for Taunton, to see in what condition that country is, and to settle things there, and to endeavour reconciling the odds between Col. Pyne and the Gorges, which looks like a feud; after examining the prisoners there, he proposes to return to Exeter. The Primrose has put into Plymouth, and brought the enclosed to the General. My wife has safely arrived. [1 *page.*]

March 27. Order by the Protector and Council for the more regular issuing of the first 3 of the present 6 months' assessment, by assignments or otherwise, for pay of the army.

As part of the assessments are needed for the forces in the counties, and it would be prejudicial for the moneys to be first brought to Guildhall, the Army Committee may assign any part thereof needful for their present pay, and the receivers-general of counties obey their directions in satisfying their warrants.

The receivers-general are to accept such warrants when discharged from the receivers of counties, and give them acquittances therefor, as ready money, and all the said sums, and those which they received as assessments, are hereby declared to be part of the 180,000*l.* ordered them by Patent of 24 March, as Treasurers-at-war.

Also John Blackwell, jun., and Rich. Deane, on acknowledgement of their receipt of the whole or any part, as Treasurers-at-war, shall receive full discharge thereof as Receivers-general of Assessments, by tallies and discharges which shall signify their payment thereof into the Exchequer in part of the 6 months' assessment. Approved by the Protector. [*I.* 76*a*, *pp.* 40–1; *I.* 75, *p.* 745.]

March 27. **71.** Petition of divers soldiers of Col. Berkstead's regiment in the Tower to the Protector. On 20 March we were sent to convey a sum of money to the Constant Warwick, riding in Lee Road; by stress of weather a Flemish fly-boat fell foul of us in the Hope, split our hoy, and 2 of us were drowned; but by help of the captain of the Truelove, though at much hazard, we saved the money and conveyed it to the Constant Warwick, though losing all we had. We beg compensation. 13 signatures. With reference to Council, advising 40*l.* out of Council's Contingencies. [1 *sheet.*]

March 27. Order in Council for payment accordingly. [*I.* 75, *p.* 746.]

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2. Order—on information of his Highness' answer touching the order for 1,000*l.* to the Earl of Mulgrave, and 1,000*l.* to Viscountess Ranelagh, on their desires that the same might be paid out of the Exchequer,—to advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay 1,000*l.* to the said Earl for his loss in the demolition of Mulgrave Castle, since the Order of 23 Aug. 1654 for 1,000*l.* from Goldsmiths' Hall cannot be paid, on account of the Ordinance for settling the receipt of the Exchequer.

3. Like order in reference to the 1,000*l.* ordered 21 Aug. to Viscount Ranelagh and Lady Katherine, his wife.

4. To advise warrants to the Treasury Commissioners to pay John Maidstone, steward, 16,000*l.* towards his Highness' household expenses.

5. Order on petition of several merchants trading to France, setting forth their receipt of letters from their factors in France of the seizure of their ships there by the French King's order,—2 ships from London being already unladen at Newhaven, in Normandy, and 5 others having soldiers put aboard them; and that they have cause to fear a general seizure of all their effects in France;—that Mr. Thurloe send their petition to the French Ambassador, with a short letter demanding an answer thereto.

6. Order on a paper by Lord Nieuport, Ambassador from Holland, that the Customs' Commissioners permit his servants to take up 4 hds. of French wine sent from Zealand for his use, custom free. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 745–7.]

March 27. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the Customs' Commissioners. His Highness and Council think fit to lay a general embargo on all ships, except fishermen and coasters, till April 3rd. Council has issued letters thereon to most ports, requiring the officers to detain all vessels, and hereby gives you notice to the same effect, that you may be assistant therein. [*I.* 75, *p.* 747.]

March 27. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Nath. Stephens, Thos. Hodges, Thos. Pury, sen., Chris. Guise, Wm. Nest, John Crofts, and the rest of the justices of peace for co. Gloucester. The late Parliament having, by their Act of 4 April 1653, prohibited the planting of tobacco in England, his Highness, on 11 April 1654, passed an Ordinance authorizing certain persons to execute the Act, on consideration of the prejudice to English plantations abroad, and to the trade at home, by the planting of tobacco; but several persons about Winchcombe petitioning for leave to enjoy the crop of tobacco then growing, promising to forbear its future planting without license, the execution of the Act and Ordinance was suspended as to that crop.

Lately the Virginia merchants have complained of their loss, owing to the great quantities of English tobacco, trade, navigation and customs being impaired, and those plantations impoverished: You are therefore to execute the Act, and not license the planting of any tobacco in England. But that persons may not suffer loss for want of reasonable warning, you are to have this resolution published in all places in your county where you judge convenient, and in such a way that no person can pretend ignorance; and such persons are to understand that his Highness expects conformity. In case any presume to the contrary, they must charge the detriment that will ensue to their own default, which will be less excusable considering his Highness' indulgence as to last year's crop, and their undertaking to plant no more without special license. [*I.* 76*a*, *pp.* 43–4.]

March 27. Note of like letters to the following:—

Wm. Ligon and 6 other justices of co. Worcester.
Bennet Hoskins and 7 „ „ Hereford.
Sir John Dryden Bart., and 4 „ „ Warwick.
Bailiffs and justices of peace of Tewksbury.
Bailiff and chief officer of Winchcombe.
Justices of peace of co. Oxon.
Mayor and justices of the City and County of Gloucester.
Bailiffs and chief officers of Monmouth, and justices of the county.
Justices of peace for co. Sussex.
„ „ „ Radnor.
„ „ „ Montgomery.
„ „ „ Denbigh.

[*I.* 76*a*, *p.* 45.] *Annexing,*

72. I. *List of* 38 *justices of peace in co. Gloucester to whom the said letter is to be sent.* [1⅓ *pages.*]

72. II. *Like list of* 39 *justices of co. Hereford.* [1½ *pages.*]

72. III. *Like list of* 47 *justices of co. Worcester.* [2 *pages. The names of the Commissioners of the Great Seal, and of several judges, noblemen, and legal authorities are at the head of these lists.*]

March 27. **73.** Assignment by John Owen, fishmonger of London, to his brother Matthias, of his title to a Public Faith Bill, of 5*l.* due to Henry Owen, scrivener of London, as loan for suppressing the rebels in Ireland, and assigned by Henry to John Owen, 16 June 1649. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

73. I. *Public Faith Bill alluded to,* 3 *Nov.* 1641. [*Printed form filled up.* ½ *page.*]

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Saphire,
Plymouth
Sound.

74. Capt. N. Heaton to Robt. Blackborne. I have come in for water, ballast, and repairs. I took a Frenchman with 16 guns and 65 men, bound to Cape de Verd. She was of Dieppe, but had no pass from his Highness.

We heard of the late stirs in France, but only supposed it a vapour. Capt. Smith, one of the Brest pirates, sent me word that I had more need be at home than molest them, as he had received letters from England that the King had landed in Hull, but his assertions proved like themselves.

The Assurance and several other of the State's ships are at sea; I hope to be soon gone myself, and will send the waterman's ticket by the next. If any motion is made for me to command more than one ship at any time, place it upon some one else; I would rather only command one. [1 *page.*]

March 28. **75.** Petition of Thos. Branker and 3 others to Council, for a special order to exercise their employment as hackney coachmen without disturbance. Took it upon them on the Ordinance allowing soldiers that have faithfully served Parliament to exercise trades, and had their certificates signed and sealed, but malevolent persons have arrested and imprisoned them. The Ordinance for regulating hackney coachmen extends to them as well as to others, but the masters appointed to nominate and approve disdain the soldiery, so that if any are excluded, it will be they. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

75. I. *Request for information to the Lord Mayor and Common Council,—*

1. *Whether the Ordinance does not authorize them to be hackney coachmen.*

2. *Whether the Ordinance does not apply to them, any statute, custom, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding, and whether soldiers be not safer to be invested than Malignants.*

3. *Whether double damages do not extend to all charges of arrest, imprisonment, loss of time, &c.* [*Scrap.*]

March 28. Reference thereon to Montague, Fiennes, Strickland, and Jones, to speak with Counsel-at-Law, and report. [*I.* 75, *p.* 749.]

March 28. **76.** Petition of Manoel Martin Dormido to Council. Knowing merchants at Goa in the East Indies, from whom I hope to receive valuable effects by English ships trading to Surat and other ports of the Indies, I beg a licence to export 1,200 ryals of 8 in Spanish plate. I lost most of my estate in Pernambuco when it was subject to Holland. Noted as denied. [1 *page.*]

March 28. Note of a petition referred to the Committee for Petitions, of Dan. Burston and Thos. Besbech, for transportation money, as they are going at his Highness' recommendation to preach the gospel in Ireland, and are approved by the Commissioners. [*I.* 92, *No.* 329.]

March 28. **77.** Petition of the inferior officers of the High Court of Justice to the Protector and Council, for such weekly allowance as the Committee of the said Court propose, or as seems meet; have waived other employments and constantly attended the Court, but have received nothing, and the time allotted for the Court's sittings has expired. 5 signatures. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

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77. I. *Order in the High Court of Justice that the appointed Committee prepare all things needful for its sitting, consider allowances for its officers, and report; also that they consider the petition of John Gavile, and report.* 6 *July,* 1654. [⅔ *page.*]

77. II. *Report by the said Committee of the allowances recommended to the* 6 *officers,* 11 *guards,* 4 *ushers, crier, doorkeeper, and* 4 *messengers, being from* 4*l. to* 13*s.* 4*d. each a week, and* 4*l. to John Gavile, which should be paid, though the sitting was not for many days.* 12 *Aug.* 1654. [1 *page.*]

March 28. Reference thereon to the Treasury Commissioners, to report. [*I.* 75, *p.* 749.]

March 28. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. On report from the Committee for Scotland, instructions for the government of Scotland twice read with several blanks. The debate to be resumed to-morrow, and his Highness and the members of Council to be desired to be present.

2. Order on debate on the fines of those who were respited, for the following reductions,—

Pat. Cockborne's fine to 200*l.*
Sir Rob. Fletcher's to 1,200*l.*
Thos. Hamilton's of Preston, to 200*l.*
Sir Jas. Arnott's fine to be suspended.

3. The supplication of the fined persons in Scotland read.

5. Order on a report from the Treasury Commissioners, to advise a proclamation for putting into effect the laws against Priests and Jesuits, and for convicting Popish recusants. Approved 28 March.

12. Order on report from Commissary-General Whalley and Col. Goffe, concerning 40 dragoons drawn from Carlisle and Berwick garrisons, for a letter to Col. Chas. Howard. Approved 30 March. [*See below.*]

17. Approval by the Protector of 3 orders, 15 Feb., 26 and 28 March. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 748–752.]

March 28. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Col. Charles Howard. His Highness and Council having, by an Order of July 6, 1654, directed the mounting as dragoons of 40 soldiers from Carlisle and Berwick garrisons, and they having been so mustered, with their 5 officers, it is thought fit to order the Army Committee to increase their pay accordingly, from July 24, for so long as they continue dragoons. But as they are no longer so required, they request you to dismiss them from that capacity, leave them in their former condition, and give notice to the Army Committee for their pay accordingly. [*I.* 75. *p.* 751.]

March 28. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Commissioner Whitelock. His Highness has communicated to Council your desire concerning Windsor Park

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and manifests a willingness to accommodate you. But Council finding that the inheritance was formerly sold to Mr. Thompson and Mr. Cannon, and repurchased at great cost, cannot offer other advice to his Highness than that the premises be improved to the best advantage of this Commonwealth; on which ground we hope you will rest satisfied. [*I.* 75, *p.* 751.]

March 28. Chatham. **78.** E. Hayward to the Admiralty Commissioners. This morning it occurred to me to present the enclosed, which, with your own apprehensions, may be of considerable service. I have written to Mr. Jessop, as many copies are out of my hands, for liberty to dispose of the rest of my books, which are my own property, and cost me much; I entreat your leave to dispose of some amongst my friends of the navy, who are earnest to partake of my pains; and if you desire more, in order to what I have proposed as a service to the State, I will have them stitched up, not doubting of requital. The clerks of the survey in all places should be ordered to observe the same method for stores, unless a better way may be found out. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

78. I. *Notes by the same in what way his book may be useful for the State's service, viz.:—*

1. *It will inform of the sizes and lengths of riggings, the want of a knowledge whereof was no small damage, by the spoiling of ropes either by short or over lengths.*
2. *It will be useful for examining the warrants in the storekeepers' hands for the fitting out of ships, as to whether the clerks of the survey have not formerly gratified the boatswains with their own demands, for want of rules to guide them.*
3. *As it will be a direction for the clerks of the survey, so being communicable to the storekeepers, they may be able to trace the truth of the warrants sent to them for the fitting out of ships.*
4. *By the knowledge of this book, the storekeepers may call for all the decayed rigging ropes from the boatswain.*
5. *It will be useful for the captains and clerks of the check at sea, to see that the boatswains, when any ropes are decayed, cut out just lengths of new ropes.*
6. *The boatswains, knowing that the captains and clerks of the check are able to trace them, will be careful not to overcharge ropes.*
7. *When any ropes are decayed at sea, the captains may observe the quantity to serve for rounding and tackling, the want whereof, in pretence at least, occasions the spoiling of cables.*
8. *At the return of ships into harbour, the clerk who has the inspection of accounts, having this book, may*

trace the bills of expense under the captain and clerk of the check's hands, and be able not only to report, but to refurnish the ships with rigging.

If the parties concerned be men of experience, and honest, and be engaged to the observance of these rules, there may be an unknown sum of money saved to the State in the year. The proportions of boatswains' and carpenters' stores may be alike useful, and so may most of the other particulars in the book, to prevent abuses to the State, and settle a method whereby each man may be governed in his duty. Chatham, 28 *March* 1655. [2 *pages.*]

March 29. **79.** Petition of Wm. Warren, merchant of London, to Council, for a pass for his factor, Francis Hooper, to go to Ostend in the packet boat at Dover. Has urgent occasions beyond seas, which will not admit of so long a stay as till the present embargo be ended, without great detriment. [1 *page.*]

March 29. Order thereon granting the pass. [*I.* 75, *p.* 753.]

March 29. **80.** Petition of the 24 Cursitors in Chancery to the Protector. We are ancient law officers, incorporated by charter, who have always had the making of summons in debt and trespass, in the Common Pleas and Upper Bench, and always, till lately, ½ the fines confirmed to us by charter for our labour; but by the late Act forbidding the taking of these fines, we are deprived of sufficient maintenance. We therefore resign our right to this moiety, and beg a competent salary. Signed by Jo. Norbury, principal of the society. [1 *page.*]

March 29. Note of the reading of the said petition. [*I.* 75, *p.* 753.]

March 29. **81.** Petition of Jane, widow of John Meldrum, eldest colonel of horse in the late army, to the Protector. I have attended 7 years for the stating of the arrears of my husband, slain at Cheriton fight, and for payment of 300*l.*, by Ordinance of 14 June 1648, in full of all demands, but have received nothing, have had to borrow to keep my children alive, and my creditors threaten to put me in prison, refusing assignments on the Ordinance. As I am starving, I beg payment, among other distressed widows whom God has put it into your heart to relieve. With reference to Council. Noted as laid aside. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

81. i. *Order in Parliament that she have* 200*l. from Haberdashers' Hall, in addition to* 100*l. ordered from the Excise, in full of her late husband's demands,* 14 *June* 1648. *With order by the Committee for Advance of Money for payment,* 16 *June* 1648. [*Copy,* 1 *p.*]

March 29. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on report from the Committee on the trial of persons engaged in the late insurrection, to advise as follows:—

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2. A Commission of Oyer and Terminer to be issued under the Great Seal, including the 5 northern counties, and Notts, Derby, and Lancaster.

3. A warrant to be hastened for preparing the Commission.

4. The Commissioners for the North to be,—

Rich. Newdegate, Justice of the Upper Bench.
Rob. Nicholas, Baron of the Exchequer.
Hugh Windham, Justice of the Common Bench.
Rob. Hatton, Serjeant-at-Law.
Sir Wm. Constable, Bart.
Sir Wm. Strickland, Bart.
George, Lord Eure.
Sir Wm. Allenson, Lord Mayor of York.
Wm. Johnston, Mayor of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

With 57 others.

6. The Solicitor-General to go North, and prepare matters for trial of the persons in those counties.

7. The Judges of the Northern Circuit to be requested to stay there, in order to this service. *Annexing,*

82. I. *Report of the Committee alluded to,* 28 *March* 1655. [2½ *pages.*]

9. A paper of propositions from Geo. Norbury, relating to fines on original writs, read and referred to the counsel learned, to report.

11. The petition of Isaac Preston, and other merchants of Great Yarmouth, with a certificate from the Customs' Commissioners, referred to Lambert, Mulgrave, Jones, and Sydenham, to certify.

13. The petition on behalf of the Mayor and Justices of New Sarum referred to counsel, to report.

14. Mulgrave, Sydenham, Montague, and Strickland, added to Skippon, Major, and Rous, to peruse the petitions now depending, and certify their opinions.

15. To advise a warrant to pay the Treasurers-at-war 20,000*l.*, as imprest on account for pay of the army. Approved 30 March.

16. The Army Committee having appointed 2 months' pay to all the forces in England, out of the moneys coming in on the first 3 of the 6 months' assessment, and it being judged requisite that the 5 foot and 1 horse regiments quartered in or near London, viz., the Protector's, Maj.-Gen. Lambert's, and Cols. Ingoldsby, Goffe, and Berkstead's regiments of foot, and the Protector's regiment of horse, have 2 months' pay forthwith, for the non-commissioned officers and soldiers:—Order that the Army Committee require the Treasurers-at-war to pay the same, the Treasurers to be reimbursed their advance from the moneys assigned by the Committee for the said 2 months' pay.

18. The petition of Rich. Pight, clerk of the irons, and surveyor of the melting houses at the Mint, for consideration of his trouble and charge in discovery and prosecution of counterfeiters of coin, referred to Lambert, Jones, Strickland, Sydenham, and Montague, to report.

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21. **83.** To add 22 persons named to the Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer for cos. Wilts, Devon, Dorset, and Somerset. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 752–756.]

March 29. **84.** Adam Baynes to Lord Lambert at the Council, Whitehall. As I have to be at Westminster to day, I beg you to procure a license for the ships of Thos. Robinson and Leonard Cawood, laden with cloth, to pass from Hull to Hamburg, free from press, for if they lose the Hamburg market on 10 April, the Dutch will reap the benefit, and the poor North people lose ½ a year's employment, this cloth being the fruits of ½ a year's labour. [1 *page.*]

March 29. Order for a license accordingly, the present embargo notwithstanding. [*I.* 75, *p.* 704.]

March 30. **85.** Petition of Rob. Jonson to Col. Sydenham. I have been prisoner by your order 14 weeks at Lambeth, and was before 15 months in durance at Dorchester. I have often addressed you in vain, and but for the pity of the Serjeant-at-arms, I must have starved. Pray order my enlargement, and I will be faithful in any employment you think me fit for. 21 Feb. 1654–5. [1 *page.*]

March 30. Order thereon that Jonson, formerly taken at sea, be sent to Barbadoes, on account of Martin Noel, with the other prisoners ordered to be delivered to him. [*I.* 76, *p.* 760.]

March 30. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. None but members of Council, with the officers attending them, and the persons they shall send for, to be admitted to come into the Council Chamber by the door at the stair head. The doorkeepers to observe the same.

2. Wolsley's report from the Committee on the transportation of corn, butter, &c., referred to Mr. Attorney-General, to prepare a licence for its transportation according to law, and to report.

3. 1,000 men to be reduced out of the 5 foot regiments of his Highness, Lambert, Goffe, Ingoldsby, and Berkstead.

4. Order on Sergt. Dendy's letter to the Lord President, that Mr. Rogers be removed from Lambeth House to Windsor Castle.

9. The Army Committee to give warrants to the Treasurers-at-war to pay the foot regiments of the Protector, Lambert, Ingoldsby, and Goffe 350*l.* each, and Col. Berkstead's 6 companies 700*l.*, on account towards their 6-weeks' pay on their musters of 19 Feb. last, that they may be enabled to disband 200 soldiers in each of the regiments, and 400 from the 6 companies, paying them off before their disbanding.

19. None of the Committee now appointed to consider of the debate of Council to go forth from town till report be made therein.

20. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 28 and 29 March.

24. To advise that 3,000*l.* be given to Lord Broghill for the lands in Ireland set out to him for his arrears. Approved 5 April.

25. Order on a letter from Roger Alsop, Marshal-General, that John Rowes, formerly sent up from Pendennis Castle, and now

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remaining in his custody, be delivered to Mr. Noel, to be sent to Barbadoes on his account, instead of Wm. Morris, who is to continue with the Marshal-General. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 756–760.]

March 30. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Mayor of Bristol and Rob. Aldworth, Esq. Council having received notice that the David of Bristol, bound for New England, was last Tuesday put forth to sea, in contempt of his Highness' imbargo laid on all vessels till Tuesday next, though due notice had been received, consider this matter derogatory to his Highness' authority, and desire you to examine the truth of the proceeding, and whether it was encouraged by others, and to report, and return an account of the whole matter. [*I.* 75, *p.* 759.]

March 30. Instructions by the Protector, with advice of Council, to Gen. Geo. Monk, Roger Lord Broghill, Chas. Howard, Wm. Lockhart, John Swinton, Adrian Scrope, Sam. Desborow, Nath. Whetham, and Thos. Cooper, appointed his Highness' Council in Scotland, for the government of that nation:

(1.) To repair speedily into Scotland, and enquire into its state, and the readiest way for continuing good government, and preserving the union.

(2.) To promote the preaching of the Gospel and the power of true religion and holiness, and take care that the usual maintenance is received by pious and qualified ministers, according to the Ordinance of 8 Aug. 1654, for the better support of the universities of Scotland, and encouragement of public preachers there. Also that public schools be supplied with able, pious, and well affected schoolmasters, and all due encouragement given them.

(3.) To visit and reform the universities, colleges, and schools of learning, suspend such statutes as they find unfitting, propose others for encouragement of godliness and learning, remove scandalous, insufficient, or disaffected persons, and substitute others godly, learned, and fitting.

(4.) To remove from any corporations dangerous, disaffected, or scandalous magistrates or officers, and cause fit persons to be chosen.

(5.) To endeavour to preserve peace, and have justice well administered, and to promote the union by having the proceedings in courts of judicature conducted agreeably to the laws of England, as far as the rules of the courts will permit; and where this cannot be done, to certify the same to his Highness or Council.

(6.) To certify the state of the whole revenue, its nature, whether by lands, forfeitures, customs, excise, &c., and times of payment, and send a particular account at once, and yearly, representing how the revenue might be improved.

(7.) To take means to recover concealed revenue belonging to the Crown, archbishops, bishops, or deans and chapters, to improve the revenue, execute the orders for levying customs

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and excise, and see that all sums are paid into the Exchequer.

(8.) To consider of means to lessen the public expenses.

(9.) To send for, commit to prison, restrain, or take security of any opposing the Government, and to discharge them when they see cause. Also to remove to England, or elsewhere, any whose residence in the parts they inhabit is judged dangerous, and to licence their return when they see cause.

(10.) To reduce the officers and ministers employed on the service, and to set down, within 6 months, an establishment of salaries for Judges, Sequestration Commissioners, and others, and charge the same on the customs in Scotland, and $\frac{1}{3}$ of the excise; the overplus of customs and excise, and the moneys from assessments and sequestrations in Scotand, to be charged with the pay of the forces in Scotland, and the rest for contingencies.

(11.) To transport to the English plantations such enemies in arms as are in their power.

(12.) To see that no Papist or disaffected person be charged with the administration of justice, or be in any place of trust, or be allowed to practice as counsellor or attorney, or to keep a school.

(13.) To command and use presses for printing proclamations, declarations, orders, books, &c., for the service, and to prohibit when needful their use by others.

(14.) To encourage commerce, advance manufactures and fisheries, consider how to improve them, and certify.

(15.) To require from the Commander-in-chief and civil magistrates, and others, all aid needful in execution of these instructions.

(16.) To appoint Commissioners for Customs and Excise, giving them power to recover all rates due, impose fines, issue warrants, summon persons, take oaths, imprison offenders, appoint inferior officers, receive appeals, and fulfil all the powers heretofore granted to any Commissioners for Customs or Excise, Commissioners for Preservation of Customs or for Receiving Appeals and Regulating Excise.

Proviso, that the Order and Declaration of Council for collecting the Excise in Scotland, bearing date 22 May 1655, do not make void an Ordinance of 23 March 1653–4, granting to the City of Edinburgh a tax of 4*d.* Scotch on all ale and beer spent there from 1 April 1654 to 10 Nov. 1657.

(17.) To cause the monthly assessments in Scotland to be raised and levied on personal and real estates, in such proportions and according to such rules as those raised in England.

(18.) The quorum to be 5. [*I.* 76*a*, *pp.* 98–103. *These instructions were passed* 30 *March, when the Committee who*

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brought them in was to consider of an article to be inserted in place of one left out, and the names of the Commissioners were to be supplied by the Protector; but they are here entered with alterations made 24 *July* 1655, *when they were ordered to bear date* 24 *June* 1655. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 759, 760; *I.* 76, *p.* 199.]

March? **86.** Petition of Lieut. John Bray, and the officers and soldiers in Col. Fortescue's regiment, on board the Pelican prize, riding at Portsmouth, to Maj.-Gen. Desborow. Being 30 leagues off the Land's End, with Gen. Penn, our vessel was found leaky, and as we could not get on board the Hound, we had to pump day and night to get to land. Bray spent so much money to encourage the soldiers not to desert, that he cannot go out again till provided afresh. All beg speedy relief. [1 *sheet.*]

March? **87.** Petition of Lieut. John Bray, under Capt. Leverington in Col. Fortescue's regiment, and a serjeant, drummer, gentleman-at arms, and 7 soldiers of that company; 24 soldiers of Capt. White's company; 8 of the major's, 1 of the general's, and 3 reformades, without commissioned officer except the said Lieutenant, to the Protector. We are all in sad condition, because the vessel sprang a leak on 29 Dec., and had to fire guns to keep with the rest of the fleet. Next morning, 5 of the captains came on board, surveyed the ship, and pronounced her unfit for the voyage; so with great danger and difficulty, we got into Kinsale on 4 Jan. We stayed behind because the other ships were so full of seamen and soldiers that they could not take us in; we were to go on to the Hound, but her boats could not get to us for the wind, so we had to pump day and night to bring our vessel to England. [1 *sheet.*]

March? **88.** Petition of Allen Grebell, deputy mayor, and 4 other jurats and inhabitants of Rye, Sussex, to the Protector. The seas on these coasts are much infested with men-of-war of the royal party, by whom one of our barques has been taken, and the trade between Dieppe and this place is likely to be spoiled. We beg a small frigate to convoy four vessels to Dieppe and back, and clear these parts of the enemies. Noted in shorthand, "That some of the " small frigates look in at Rye, and take vessels and protect them." [1 *page.*]

March? **89.** Petition of Wm. Hamilton, late captain, to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have been 3 months in the Gatehouse, and am starving, though I lost bones and blood in the service; but you have stopped my wages, made my friends and customers forsake me, my servants lose their bread, and no one will be bound for me. I am content to die if it can be proved that I have wronged the Navy Treasury. I was imprisoned by my own nation for taking your part, and dangerously wounded, and have been faithful to the State from the beginning of the wars. Pray release me, and take off my dire foes, and I will do you what service I can. With note that he is to be here to-morrow, at 8 a.m. [1 *page.*]

90. List of 51 receipts for payments made by Sec. Thurloe, or by his order, for intelligence for the public service, from 28 June 1654, to 10 March 1654–5. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

90. I. I.—LVIII. *All the above receipts, with one exception.* [58 *papers.*]

90. II. LIX.—CVIII. *Like receipts for payments from* 12 *July* 1653 *to* 19 *March* 1655, *but not included in the above list.* [50 *papers.*]

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April 2. **1.** Attorney-General Edm. Prideaux to Mr. Jessop. I am ordered to prepare a draft of a license for transporting butter, but I have so much business, and so little time before going to the West, that I cannot make it. The Statute of 1 & 2, Philip and Mary, directs what is to be done by the person who obtains such license. It must pass under the Great Seal, being to dispense with an Act of Parliament. [⅔ *page.*]

April 2. **2.** Petition of Sir Chris. Pack and the inhabitants of Prestwold, co. Leicester, to the Protector. The parish is large, having the villages of Prestwold, Burton, Cotes, and Hoton, with a very fair church in Prestwold, and a chapel in Hoton, both on the north road, but with only a casual income of 26*l.* 8*s.* (of which nothing has been paid since Midsummer) to provide a house and maintain a minister, and from that, several dues liable; so that no godly and able minister has been settled there in the memory of man.

Considering your zeal in providing for the ministry, we beg you to order us an augmentation. With note of order. [¾ *sheet.*]

April 2. Pembroke. **3.** Capt. Rich. Browne to Rob. Blackborne. I wrote you 16 days since that, on account of the condition of the country, the Governor of Tenby and I had desired Capt. Peter Bowen to stay for 8 days in Tenby Road, for protection of the garrison and to intercept the enemy, who, it was reported, were designed for Wales, and shipping prepared to pass them on. He stayed there as long as he could for weather, but has now put into Milford. I delivered what was ordered to the commander of the Lizard, who is bound home when he has received the provisions. [1 *page.*]

[April 3.] **4.** Request of Amy, widow of Rob. Bickerton, both servants to the late King's children, for an Order for payment of 300*l.* [arrears], from moneys due to the State before 25 March 1648, discovered by her. With note of 600*l.* due to the Court of Wards by Sir Thos. Fanshaw, of Ware Park, and Simon Fanshaw, of Bayfield, both co. Herts, and Hum. Selwood, of Seale, co. Kent, for a fine on the marriage of Kath. Ferrars. [1 *page.*]

April 3. Whitehall. **5.** Order thereon in Council, that on her certifying her discoveries in the Court of Exchequer, Council will give further Order. [¾ *page.* *Also I.* 76, *p.* 5.]

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April 3. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Lambert to give order for some horse to convoy Maj.-Gen. Harrison to Carisbrook Castle.

5. Order on Wolsley's report from the Committee on Col. Rob. Bennett's petition, that Com.-Gen. Whalley, Col. Goffe, Worsley, and Hen. Broad, Auditor of the Exchequer, examine Bennett's account for raising and arming a foot regiment, and for provision and reparation about Mount and Dennis Fort, and certify. *Annexing,*

6. I. *Report on which the said Order is founded,* 27 *March* 1655. [1 *page.*]

7. Sydenham, Jones, Montague, Mulgrave, and Rous to learn, from the Master and Wardens of the Mint, what service is due from those officers in relation to the counterfeiters of coin; and if it appear that it is their duty to see that counterfeiters be discovered and prosecuted, then to learn how it happens that the service is performed by another hand, to the increase of the State's charge, and to report.

8. Order on report from the Treasury Commissioners, on Council's reference of March 9, on a petition on John Pooler, of Hartlebury, co. Worcester,—who was adjudged by the late Commissioners of Haberdashers' Hall to be within the declaration of Aug. 14, 1649, and the resolve of March 6, 1650–1, for adhering to the King of Scots, and all his estate, real and personal, to be sequestered;—that as the report says that, on weighing the depositions, and some certificates from army officers, commissioners of the peace, ministers, and others of credit, all certifying Pooler's affection to the State, they think his case is hard; that on his giving security to answer the profits of his estate when required, the levying thereof be forborne, and the Commissioners for Sequestered Estates required to observe the same, and see that the Sub-Commissioners do likewise, on receipt of a certificate that security has been given.

9. Order on Montague's report from the Committee on the petition of the Greenland Company, for letters of marque against the French, for the better security of their ships in their trading voyage to Greenland; that letters of marque be granted under the Admiralty Seal to the masters of the ships to seize all French ships they meet, giving security not to do so unless first assaulted, and only to use the letters in this present voyage to Greenland. Approved 5 April.

10. The Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer appointed for cos. Devon, Wilts, Somerset, and Dorset, to begin their sittings at Salisbury on April 11; at Exeter on April 18; and at Chard on April 23. Approved 5 April; but the day for Chard changed to April 25. *Annexing,*

7. I. *Note of the said appointments.* [$\frac{1}{8}$ *page.*]

11, 12. Nich. Bond to be requested to be steward to the Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer in the Western Circuit, and Keylway Guydott in the Northern.

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13. Mr. Ayliffe and Mr. Manby to go into the northern counties as assistants to Mr. Solicitor-General, to prepare for the trial of the persons engaged in the late rebellion, upon the Commission of Oyer and Terminer for the said counties, with Notts and Derby, and for other services.

14. John Smith to be his Highness' solicitor for the northern counties, in matters relating to the trial of the above persons, and to attend Council for directions therein.

16. To advise payment of 200*l.* to Rich. Graves, for salary as counsel to the Trustees for sale of forfeited Estates, for a year, ending 29 Oct. 1654, he having to repair to the Western counties on a special service. Approved 3 April.

17. The petition of the Trustees for sale of forfeited Estates, with a list of salaries due to their officers and treasurers at Drury House, and to the officers of the Commissioners for removing Obstructions at Worcester House, amounting to 1,400*l.*, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

18. The petition and papers of the Mayor and Burgesses of Lyme Regis, co. Dorset, referred to Sydenham, Rous, Wolsley, Montague, Strickland, and Jones, to report.

19. John Payne to be one of the Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer and gaol delivery for cos. Devon, Dorset, Somerset, and Wilts.

20. Order—on report from Col. Goffe and Lislebone Long, concerning a Dutch ship of Edam in Holland, seized by Coterell, captain of a privateer, Feb. 14 last, when at anchor under Portland Castle, carried to Studland Bay, near Poole, and there plundered of merchandize;—that, as she was laden with salt and other merchandize for persons in Holland, the ship with all lading and tackle that can be found be restored to her master. Capt. Coterell and the Admiralty Judges to see it done. Approved 5 April.

21. Also that the Serjeant-at-arms repair to Coterell and the privateer, seize them both, bring Capt. Coterell to answer before Council, and take order for securing the ship. All naval officers to give their help herein. Approved 6 April.

22. Lambert, Montague, Jones, and Sydenham, to advise with his Highness on Hugh Audley's petition, for removal of soldiers from his house, called Goring House.

23. Ald. Fowke's petition concerning a difference between him and the East India Company to be considered on April 11.

24. That of Thos. Ledgard, Alderman of Newcastle, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

25. Council having directed Wm. Thomas, late keeper of the standing wardrobe at Windsor, to deliver to C. Kinnersley, his Highness' wardrobe keeper, all wardrobe goods in his hands, and Kinnersley complaining that some are still undelivered, Mr. Maidstone, his Highness' steward, and Mr. Waterhouse are to call Thomas

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and Kinnersley before them, examine what goods Kinnersley can charge upon Thomas, other than what are sold or already delivered, and Kinnersley is to deliver the same. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 1–5.]

April 3. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the High Sheriff of co. Wilts. The Protector having determined to issue Oyer and Terminer Commissions for trial of the persons concerned in the late rebellion, Sir John Evelyn, Thos. Estcourt, Master in Chancery, Wm. Stephens, LL.D., Geo. Cooper, Nich. Greene, and Wm. Jepson are appointed Commissioners for cos. Wilts, Devon, Dorset, and Somerset. You are therefore to give them speedy notice to attend the trial on 11 April at New Sarum, Wilts. [*I.* 76*a*, *pp.* 45–6.]

April 3. Like letter to the Sheriff of co. Hants to give notice to Rob. Wallop and 7 others, to attend at New Sarum on 11 April.

Like letter to the Sheriff of Cornwall to give notice to Rob. Bennet and 5 others to attend to Exeter on 18 April.

Like letter to the Sheriff of Devon to give notice to Art. Upton and 21 others to attend at Exeter on 18 and at Chard on 25 April.

Like letter to the Sheriff of co. Dorset to give notice to John Browne and 7 others to attend at New Sarum on the 11th, and at Chard, co. Somerset, on the 25th.

Like letter to the Sheriff of co. Somerset to give notice to Alex. Popham and 11 others to attend at Exeter on the 18th, and at Chard on the 25th. [*I.* 76*a*, *pp.* 46–7.]

April 3. London. **8.** Martin Noel to Serj. Dendy. I find the captain you told me of is not fit for the employment for which he was designed by Council. Therefore I desire him not, nor should have thought of him, had you not reminded me of him. [*Scrap.*]

April 3. Plymouth. **9.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Robt. Blackborne. On our arriving at Wincanton, we heard the enemy was routed, but the intelligence was from scraps let fall by the express carrying the tidings by post to Whitehall, where we judged you had it more fully. Two Cavalier army chaplains were brought in to Gen. Desborow, and two horses and 32*l.* having been taken from them, they were sent to gaol. We had some work at Exeter which took up time, but it was a little scattered matter, hardly worth troubling you with, and not half so good as the story of the under bailiff or crier of Blandford, which Mr. Creed can inform you of. We have cause to acknowledge the goodness of God in dissipating those who assembled for the ruin of his people; though there was peace in their mouths, yet war and blood was in their hearts. I am dispatching the Great Charity; and the Winsby, Primrose, and Assistance are ready to sail. Your brother is well. [1 *page.*]

April 4. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on petition of Martha Grey, sister to Col. Ed. Grey, prisoner in the Tower, showing that he is dangerously sick of a fever, that the Lieutenant of the Tower have leave to admit to him such physician as he thinks fit.

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2, 3. Order on report of a Committee on a paper of Peter Rowe,—that as the Admiralty Court have adjudged the 3 Kings and her lading, and the goods of the St. John of Malo, for sale, and as bills have been set up for sale, and the State will be damaged unless it proceed, yet it is obstructed on some words in an inhibition from the judge delegates, on which his Highness' advocate has not been heard,—that the judge delegates meet, hear the advocate, and make speedy provision therein.

4. Order on report on the petition of John Pordage [see 2 Feb. 1655], to advise that if the right of presentation to Bradfield rectory, co. Berks, be in his Highness, he present some other fit person as incumbent, recommending him to allow Pordage 80*l.* a year, the parsonage house and glebe lands being part thereof, this being more than the ⅕ allowed by the Ordinance; and this to be granted him, although he is attending here in hope of an appeal. *Annexing,*

10. I. *Report alluded to, signed by Wolsley and Fiennes.* [1 *page.*]

5. The paper delivered to the Lord President by his Highness, and by him to Council, concerning the captives of Algiers, to be considered next Thursday week.

6. Wolsley's report from the Scotch Committee, of an instruction instead of that which was laid aside, read and agreed to.

7. The petition of John Hill referred to Wolsley, Viscount Lisle, Sydenham, Jones, Fiennes, Strickland, Mulgrave, and Lambert, to consider how the whole business of postage of letters may be best managed, call Mr. Secretary to their help, and report.

9. The Treasury Commissioners to consider the papers delivered in about 5,360*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* allowed by Parliament to the Earl of Salisbury, in lieu of all claims on Theobalds' house and park, and report.

10. Order on Nich. Bond's requesting dispensation from attending the Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer in the Western counties as steward, on account of his ill health, that Keylway Guydott, who was appointed steward for the Northern counties, be appointed steward for the Western counties, and that Rob. Roane be steward for the Northern counties.

11. To desire his Highness to appoint some Commissioners in the several counties to find out what moneys raised for the militia, or about the business at Worcester, are in the hands of receivers, and to report.

13–15. To advise that Henry Rolle, Lord Chief Justice of the Upper Bench, Robert Nicholas, Baron of the Exchequer, and Luke Robinson, be Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer to the Northern counties. Approved 5 April.

16. Order on report on a petition of Isaac Preston and others of Great Yarmouth,—about French wines shipped on the Abraham in 1652 for Leith, but brought into London, and there confiscated, valued at 1,620*l.*, and condemned ½ to the State, and ½ to the seizer,

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but they bought the State's ½, giving bond for 810*l.*;—that 210*l.* be remitted, and on payment of 600*l.* the wines be delivered to them, and also their bonds. Approved 14 April. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 6–10.]

April 5.

COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The draft of an order from the Scotch Committee touching those whose fines are reduced, and for payment of them, with blanks for the days of payment, read, the blanks filled up with the words "the 21st of May next, and the 2nd of July following," and the following reductions agreed to:—

		£		£	s.	d.
The Earl of Southesk	from	3,000	to	1,000	10	0
„ Rothes	„	1,000	„	333	6	8
Lord Forester	„	500	„	250	0	0
Viscount Dudhope	„	1,500	„	750	0	0
Earl of Buchan	„	1,000	„	500	0	0
„ Selkirk	„	1,000	„	500	0	0
Lord Cockran	„	5,000	„	1,666	13	4

2. Order on petition of James Carey, and a report by Baron Thorpe,—whereby it appears that the petitioner, being born in Ireland, bred up there a Catholic, and ordained a Romish priest, on his arrival in England, was committed by the Mayor of Dartmouth to the high gaol at Exeter, where he still remains, in spite of his having taken the oath of abjuration and declared his conversion to the Protestant religion,—that he be forthwith set at liberty, on engaging before the Mayor of Exeter to act nothing to the prejudice of the Commonwealth.

6. The Scotch Committee to consider settling the payment of Excise in Scotland, and to offer their opinion therein to Council.

7. The proposals for importing bullion referred to Jones, Desborow, Fiennes, Lambert, and Mulgrave, to report; Thurloe to assist them.

10. The Excise Commissioners to suffer the agent of Lord Nieuport, Ambassador from Holland, to take up 4 hogsheads of French wine sent from Zealand for his use, without paying Excise.

11, 12. The Customs' and Excise Commissioners to send Council a list of their several officers, in the port of London and the outports, to whom any salaries are allowed, and of their salaries, and the nature of their employments.

13. Fiennes to prepare and bring into Council to-morrow a paper according to the debate of to-day.

14. Approval by the Protector of 10 orders, 30 March to 4 April. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 10–12.]

April 5. Whitehall.

President Lawrence to the High Sheriff of Cumberland. The Protector issuing commissions for trial by oyer and terminer of the rebels in the late insurrection in cos. York, Northumberland, and Durham, you are to give notice to Wm. Brisco and Chas. Howard that they are to be Commissioners, and must be ready to attend at the time and place appointed. [*I.* 76*a*, *p.* 47.]

April 5. Like letters to the High Sheriff of Yorkshire, to give notice to George, Lord Eure, and 50 others.

To the Sheriff of Northumberland, to give notice to Hen. Ogle, and William, Robert, and Edward Fenwick.

To the Sheriff of Leicester, for Thos. Hacker and Edw. Cludd.

To the Sheriff of Durham, for Robert and Geo. Lilburne.

To the Sheriff of Lancashire, for Gilbert Ireland. [*I.* 76*a*, *pp.* 47–8.]

April 5. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to —— Ayliffe. A Commission of Oyer and Terminer for the late rebels being appointed for the 6 northern counties, with Derby and Notts, as persons of integrity should be sent down to prepare for it, Council have appointed you and Thos. Manby to go to the North, with the Solicitor-General for your assistance, of which I give you notice. With note of a like letter to Manby. [*I.* 76*a*, *p.* 48.]

April 5. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Justice Newdigate, Baron Thorpe, Serj. Hatton, and the rest of the Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer at York. You will herewith receive a commission for trial of the persons concerned in the late rebellion, and that the service may proceed effectually, you are to summon the jurors to attend next Monday week, and about Friday in the next week, you may expect his Highness' counsel to be with you on the business. [*I.* 76*a*, *p.* 49.]

April 6. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mulgrave, Fiennes, Jones, and Wolsley, to read the names of the late Militia Commissioners, choose some, and add others fit to be authorized in the several counties; to examine what sums of money were raised for military service, how much remains, and in whose hands, and to present their names to Council.

5. John, Earl of Rothes, to remain at Newcastle 3 months longer on private affairs, renewing his securities to the Lieutenant of the Tower and Mayor of Newcastle.

6. The petition of Francis Thompson, for himself and Capt. Henry Cannon, purchasers of Little Windsor Park, referred to Desborow, Sydenham, and Strickland, to report.

7. **11.** To authorize the Prize Goods' Commissioners to proceed in the sale of the Three Kings and her lading, and the goods of the St. John of St. Malo, at the times appointed.

8. **12.** The Admiralty Commissioners to consider the business of the said ships, examine all proceedings therein, as well before the judges delegate as otherwise, and report.

9. Order touching persons fined in Scotland, that the names of Lord Forester, Lord Dudhope, and the Earls of Buchan and Selkirk be omitted, and the order so amended presented to his Highness. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 12–13.]

9*a*. Order on certificate of the Commissioners in Scotland on reduction of the fines imposed by the Ordinance of Grace, as to special cases, that the fines of the following be suspended till they have applied to Parliament, viz.:—

Sir Wm. Scott, of Harden.
James, Lord Carmichael.
Sir John Scott, of Scottistarbet.
Pat. Scott, of Thirlston.
Sir John Wauchopp.
Sir Jas. Arnott.

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The following are to pay the sums named as part of their fines:—

	£	s.	d.
Earl of Perth and Lord Drummond, his son -	1,666	13	4
Heirs of the Earl of Buccleugh - -	6,000	0	0
Sir. Rob. Forgher - - - -	333	6	8
Lord Cockran - - - -	1,666	13	4
Earl of Tullibardine - - - -	250	0	0
Pat. Cockborne - - - -	200	0	0
Sir Rob. Fletcher - - - -	200	0	0
Thos. Hamilton of Preston - - -	200	0	0
Earl of Southesk - - - -	1,000	0	0
Earl of Rothes - - - -	333	6	8

All these and numerous others [whose fines were reported on March 9, where they are distinguished by an asterisk, and were not afterwards altered,] to pay in ½ the sum by 21 May, and the other ½ by 2 July; all the remainder to have their fines suspended, that they may apply to Parliament. In case of default of payment, the Sequestration Commissioners for Scotland are to pursue the directions of the Ordinance. Approved 10 April. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 15–17.]

10, 17. To advise that a paper prepared by Fiennes, according to yesterday's order concerning the French Treaty, be sent to the French Ambassador from the Commissioners on the French Treaty. Altered into an order that the substance of the paper be offered by word of mouth.

11. The draft of an Order for the Admiralty Judges to proceed against the Maria of Copenhagen, and other Danish ships, presented by Desborow from the Admiralty Committee, referred to Lambert, Lisle, Fiennes, and Strickland, to report.

12. Jessop to accommodate the matter, if he can, between Mr. Roane and Mr. Banks, about the steward's place for the northern counties.

13. The officers of the regiments and companies from which 1,200 soldiers were lately ordered to be disbanded, to order that their arms be delivered into the stores, that is to the Ordnance officers at the Tower, except those belonging to Lord Lambert's regiment, which are to be delivered to the keeper of the stores at Hull.

14. The draft of an Order of March 26, concerning the salaries of Commissioners to manage sequestered Estates and their officers, approved, except that of Thos. Bayly, registrar, of 6*l.* a week, which is to be further considered.

15. The report about Council's Contingencies and the Clerks of Council to be considered next Tuesday. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 12–15.]

April 6. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Commissioners for Prize Goods. On an Order of his Highness and Council, you are to sell the 3 Kings, and the goods of the St. John of St. Malo, according to an adjudication in the Admiralty Court, at the times appointed, his Highness having declared by the said Order that if any part of the premises be recovered by law, the value shall be restored to the persons who recover it. [*I.* 112, *p.* 122.]

April 6. **13.** A. Granger to Lord Desborow. My imprisonment has now been of tedious continuance; in your absence I petitioned his Highness, who ordered me bail according to the former orders upon your motion, but you being absent, I despaired of any success until your return; on you only are all my hopes, as I have not a friend on earth to speak for me, or any whom I can petition, unless it is you. I therefore humbly beg you will let me put in sufficient bail until your leisure admits of further consideration in the premises, so that my prison may not be my grave; in the interim, I will make out a brief form for security of the Treasuries.

It may have been the design of many to render me odious to you, but if it is shown that I have not dealt ingenuously since my imprisonment, according to my promise, or have acted in any way prejudicial to the State, I will disclaim all mercy, and be made exemplary to all posterity. [1 *page.*]

April 6. Plymouth Fort. **14.** Jno. Galpine to Gen. Jno. Desborow. My wife says you are displeased that I did not attend you at Exeter; Capt. Hatsell said you would not speak to me, and hastened me away, though my heart was ready to break. Mr. Doble told me that Mr. Goswell said I declared I had seen and given you satisfaction, but I never did say that. When Hatsell came to Plymouth, I asked if I should come to you at Exeter; he said I must not leave my trust unless you sent for me, but bade me send my certificates by an express. The clothes I bought in London are far plainer than what I formerly wore, which you approved; I bought them with 10*l.* which the Commissioners for Prize Goods gave me for services in discovering stolen goods. I hate powdered hair, and was never in a barber's shop, whilst in London, but my landlord cut my hair. I beg to be restored to your favour. [1 *page.*]

April 6. Pembroke. **15.** Capt. Rich. Browne to Robt. Blackborne. The Mayflower has gone to the Land's End, and the Lizard to Kinsale to victual. I beg you to send a servant with the enclosed. Mr. Love is appointed by some of the honest people of this county to attend the Protector on an address we have made to him, and there is a malignant party opposed to him, so that near home we fear some letters have been intercepted; I send this under your cover for safety, as it is of public concernment. [¾ *page.*]

April 7. **16.** Order in the Admiralty Committee. The Act of 17 July 1649, for sale of Crown lands, provides that all timber growing within 15 miles of a navigable river, fit for the Navy, should be cut down and carried away before 10 July 1657. But the Navy Commissioners find many trees lying scattered in fields, the cutting down of which will injure the proprietors, who therefore ask to give others in lieu thereof, or to buy them at a fair valuation. The Commissioners also certify great embezzlement of timber in Eltham Park. They are therefore to fell, exchange, or sell all the remaining timber in the parks, examine into the embezzlements, and certify, that further order may be taken. Mr. Willoughby to manage the affair. [¾ *page.*]

April 9. The Fairfax, Downs. **17.** Vice-Admiral Jno. Lawson to Robt. Blackborne. Thanks for your care in Mr. Jefferson's business. I believe there are some intentions of evil towards our nation by the French. I hear they have discharged the men belonging to the English vessels, and in some places have used them very ill. I am sorry for Mr. Creed's indisposition.

P.S.—I hear to-day from Dover that in France war has been declared against England. [⅔ *page.*]

April 9. Exeter. **18.** Col. Jno. Copleston to Gen. Jno. Desborow, Suffolk House, London. I have received orders from Council for holding a gaol delivery on Wednesday the 18th, and have sent out summonses, and will do my utmost to get fit jurymen; I have sent the examinations as requested to the Attorney-General by Capt. Cook, who has orders from his Highness to be at Sarum on the 18th. I am glad to hear you arrived in town safe, but sorry my Lady is so ill. I have sent an account of my disbursements, but forgot 10*l.* to Major Clarke, 5*l.* to Capt. Chaffin, and 9*l.* for a guardhouse in the gaol. Thanks for your mentioning my weak endeavours to serve his Highness, whose convenience I will willingly await. [1 *page.*]

April 10. Plymouth. **19.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Col. Jno. Clerke, Whitehall. I understand the Judge Delegates' order is overruled, and orders given for sale of the linen on the 16th; I am glad, but fear I cannot be present, being summoned to Exeter for the 18th. I suppose the Commissioners for Prize Goods, who will come from London by coach, will not reach Exeter until the 14th. It is said that the tobacco and other goods will be sold first, and the linen reserved till their coming. I will endeavour to confer with them, and spend what time I can at the sales. I hear the Fagon is safe,, and has 14 days' provisions left. I enclose a letter from Col. Jno. Copleston, Sheriff of Exeter, to show his good providing against the worst. I shall try to get a few honest men to Exeter to be of the petty jury, and prevent what else might fall out. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

19. i. *Col. Jno. Copleston to Capt. Hatsell. I intreat you to do your utmost to get as many honest petty jurymen as you can, as there will be a gaol delivery for the county held at the Castle on the* 18*th, and there will be great strivings by the Cavalier party to corrupt the jury. I have sent you a warrant to prevent it, that such may appear as will not favour the interest. Tell them I only want them for this time, and it shall be no prejudice to them. It would be sad for such villains to escape.*

Recorder Steele, Mr. Sadler, and Mr. Long signed the writ with me, and sit at Sarum on Wednesday. Capt. Croke is sent there by my lord, who left early this morning. Mr. Attorney will certainly be here.

P.S.—I will pay your charges in warning the men. Exeter, 9 *April,* 1655. [1 *page.*]

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April 10. Plymouth. **20.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have delivered your order to Capt. Harris for pressing men, but he cannot use it until in the Sound, as the men run up the country as soon as the press commences; I therefore think he should sail with his 120. I have sent men on board to rehoop his casks.[1]

Particulars of ships. The Nightingale has lost her boat in saving some men belonging to a barque of Poole, which foundered at the mouth of the Channel.

I cannot be at the sale of the prize linen, being summoned to attend the trial of those in the late insurrection at Exeter on the 18th, but will confer with Mr. Hill thereon if he comes down. [2 *pages.*]

April 10. **21.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Navy Commissioners. To like effect. [1 *page.*]

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1. Commissary Gen. Whalley, Cols. Goffe and Worsley, and Hen. Broad, to examine the account of Col. Rob. Bennet, and certify, according to an Order of April 3.

2. Approval by the Protector of an Ordinance for fines in Scotland. [See *pp.* 117–8 *supra. I.* 76, *p.* 15.]

April 10. **22.** Deposition by John Hordley, late Provost Marshal of co. Salop, that 129*l.* 13*s.* 2*d.* is truly due to him for moneys disbursed for the State, and that the debt was entered at Worcester House before 25 March 1654. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

22. I. *Order by the Commissioners of Safety for co. Salop for payment to him of* 161*l.* 15*s.* 8*d., for service and disbursements, July* 1647. [1 *page.*]

22. II. *Public Faith Bill for* 129*l.* 13*s.* 2*d. balance still due thereof.* 1 *Dec.* 1653. [1 *page.*]

April 12. **23.** Petition of Sir Rob. Stone to Council, for license to take 4 of his horses, which he cannot sell without loss, to the Low Countries, whither he is returning on private affairs. Noted as denied. [½ *page.*]

April 12. Order for a pass for him to Holland, as moved by the Lord President. [*I.* 75, *p.* 19. *I.* 112, *p.* 126.]

April 12. **24.** Petition of Thos. Bayly to Council. For 2 years past I have been Registrar to the Commissioners for Compounding, and spent much cost and pains to methodize the office for better service, in discovering matters much to the public advantage. I am to have the former salary of 6*l.* a week for myself and clerks, but the perquisites are much decreased. This last year there has been additional labour, in regard of the many lists, catalogues, certificates, and enquiries ordered by his Highness and Council, and others. I beg an order for the payment of my salary with the others. [1 *page.*]

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April 12. Order thereon for his payment, from 24 June 1654 to 25 March 1655, as directed by an Order of 26 March last for the salaries of the Sequestration Commissioners and officers. Approved 19 April. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 22, 29.]

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3. No license for transporting horses to be granted for 3 months to come.

5. Order on Thurloe's presenting a ratification of the award made concerning the losses sustained by the East India Company from the Dutch, by the Commissioners appointed in the 30th Article of the treaty between his Highness and the Dutch, to advise his Highness to sign the ratification. Approved 14 April.

6. Order—on Thurloe's report of the draft of an article referring to Commissioners of the Commonwealth and of Holland to determine the losses and injuries sustained by one from the other within the time limited by the 30th Article of the treaty, the particulars whereof are yet undecided—to advise that the said Article be signed, and that Amsterdam be the meeting place of the Commissioners. Approved 14 April.

11. A report from the Treasury Commissioners, on Council's reference of Feb. 5, on the petition of Thos. Smart, merchant of Dantzic, read.

12. The reports from the Committee appointed, by an Order of March 29 last, to consider petitions depending before Council, to be received on April 19.

14. The petition of Robert Lindsey, and Elizabeth his wife, with the Master of the Rolls' report, referred to Pickering, Sydenham, Desborow, Rous, and Wolsley, to report.

15. The report from the Treasury Commissioners—of the need of another officer to join the other registrar accountant under the Trustees for sale of lands forfeit for treason, in place of Phil. Tandy, who is appointed of the quorum, and is at present unfit for the duty of the place,—referred back to them, to consider how the matter will be best settled. *Annexing,*

25. I. *Report alluded to, that the registrar accountants appointed by the Act of* 18 *Nov.* 1652 *were Tandy, Wm. Benson, and Edw. Green, Tandy to be of the quorum of two*; *but he being distrusted, nothing can be done. Sums are ready to be paid, but no discharges can be granted, and thus debts remain unpaid.* 13 *March* 1654–5. [1 *page.*]

16. Order on Scobell and Jessop's report that the value of the mace provided for the Treasury Commissioners, with a case to put it in, is 145*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, to advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay Thos. Maundy the same.

17. To advise a warrant to pay to the Treasurers-at-war 180,000*l.* out of the last 3 of the 6 months' assessment to be issued for the army.

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18. To advise his Highness to put the business of money for the forces, and other public expenses, in a fit way for serious consideration.

19. Order on petition of James Hill and Baruch Pitts, merchants of Lyme, for themselves and the rest of the owners of the Diamond,—shewing that they, having freighted the vessel in Rotterdam with pitch, tar, and deals, and intended her for Morlaix, in France; but in her voyage thither, had notice that there was an embargo on all English vessels in France, which forced them back to Lyme; that the Diamond have liberty to pass out of Lyme with the goods, and that a warrant be issued accordingly. Approved 14 April.

20. The draft of an order, reported by Desborow,—authorising those who were Militia Commissioners by nomination of the former Council of State to call those in whose hands any money raised for the Militia remains—to be the form of an order to be issued to all the counties, and the former Commissioners' names to be inserted; read, and agreed to. Approved 14 April.

21. The form of a warrant to be directed to the Agents for the Army Committee in the several counties, with the said order, read, and agreed to. Approved 14 April.

22. Order on report from the Committee on the Danish ships—that on speaking with Sec. Thurloe, they find no cause to stay the order to proceed against and adjudicate the said ships—that the following order be advised.

23. Whereas long before the peace with the States general, divers ships of this Commonwealth were arrested in the ports of the King of Denmark, not for debts or suits, but by his officers, which amounted to a hostile seizure; and thereupon, in Oct., Nov., or Dec., 1652, 6 Danish ships named, and divers other ships and goods were on just grounds seized upon by way of reprizal, to be proceeded against in the Admiralty Court:—It is ordered that the Admiralty Court proceed against those ships and sentence them according to law and justice. *Annexing,*

26. I. *Report of the Committee on which the said order was issued.* 12 *April* 1655. *Signed by Maj.-Gen. Desborow.* [⅔ *page.*]

27. To advise his Highness to issue the following order:—

28. As it is requisite that part of the assessments raised for the forces should be paid in the counties where they are raised, and cannot be removed to Guildhall without prejudice to the Commonwealth, the Army Committee are to proceed as they think best in getting in, and disposing of the last 3 of the 6 months' assessments, and the county Receivers are to obey their orders in payment of warrants directed to the Treasurers-at-war. For their discharge, the Receivers-General are to give them acquittances for warrants paid by them, and for discharge of the Receivers-General, all the said sums shall be reputed to remain in the hands of the Treasurers-at-war, towards the 180,000*l.* ordered to be paid to them, the said Treasurers

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to give discharge for any part of the said assessment paid to them. Approved 14 April; passed 17 May. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 18–24.]

April 13. **27.** Petition of Wm. Mountjoy, John Matravers, John Chapman, and Wm. Pym, to the Protector. The late King, in 12 Charles, granted Thos. Smith, Wm. Mountjoy, and others, a 31 years' lease for taking up the gravel, sand, and soil in the Thames, for ballasting ships, they paying 466*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* the first 5 years, and 1,000 marks afterwards. We have spent 3,500*l.* in lighters, boats, wharfs, &c., executed our office of ballasting ships in the Thames, and paid our rent till the beginning of the Long Parliament, when Raleigh Sanderson, who held the lease, with engines and lighters, as tenant, took possession of all the necessaries, and by exercising the right of ballasting without paying rent, brought the business into question before Parliament, and then all were allowed to ballast who pleased.

After this Sanderson, having the materials, ballasted as he liked without paying rent; but now, he and the other patentees being dead, the whole right accrues to Mountjoy, and by his assignment to the other petitioners, and the rent devolves to your Highness during the rest of the 31 years.

But there are some words in your late Ordinance of 11 Aug. 1654, for redress of abuses in the Thames and Medway, which may restrain us from taking gravel and soil, unless appointed by the Lord Mayor, though it could not be intended that we should not take sand and gravel from the shelves in the river to ballast ships. We will provide fresh materials, and pay our yearly rent, if you will confirm us in our office. [1⅔ *pages.*]

April 13. Whitehall. **28.** Reference thereon in Council to Lambert, Montague, Fiennes, Desborow, and Jones, to consider the whole matter of ballastage, the present claims, and Mr. Jessop's petition, and report. [⅔ *page*; *also I.* 76, *p.* 26.]

April ? **29.** Petition of John Matravers, John Chapman, Wm. Pym, and Wm. Dirlton, to the Protector. The survivorship of the lease for ballasting ships in the Thames fell to Mountjoy; but he, being aged and living far off, sold it to us, and we exemplified it according to an Act of 29 Jan. 1648–9, and your Ordinance of 26 Dec. 1653.

Last January we set our servants to work on the shelves in the river, intending to supply ballast to merchants at 12*d.* and to colliers at 8*d.* a ton; but the Lord Mayor, as conservator of the Thames, has imprisoned our servants, on pretence of an Ordinance to redress abuses in the Thames and Medway; so that you are deprived of 1,000 marks a year, and we of our just rights.

We beg that as taking away the shelves is advantageous, by making the Thames navigable, you will confirm to us the remainder of our lease. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

April 13. **30.** Petition of well-affected inhabitants of Tettenhall, co. Stafford, to the Protector and Council, for removal by force, if

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needful, of Richard Harrison, minister there. He was at Lichfield whilst it was a garrison for the King, and on its reduction he was articled against for malignancy; he has been 5 years at Tettenhall. Upon caveat entered, and articles preferred against him to the Committee for Approbation of Ministers, by their Order of 24 Nov. 1654, he was disapproved, yet by Malignants is kept in possession, though petitioners had provided a substitute, and will find a fit man till one is appointed by the Protector and Council. 10 signatures. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

30. I. *Certificate by John Nye, registrar, that Harrison has never been able to obtain the approbation of the Commissioners for Ministers.* 12 *April* 1655. [⅔ *page.*]

April 13. Note that Council takes no order therein, but leaves the petitioners to proceed in an ordinary way. [*I.* 76, *p.* 27.]

April 13. **31.** Petition of Newark Beckwith to the Protector, for payment for his services as doorkeeper and messenger to the Committee for examination on Capt. Geo. Bishop's business, from 1 Jan. to 26 Sept. 1653, for which he has not been paid, though he before received 2*s.* a day. With reference to Council, 26 March 1655. [1 *page.*]

April 13. Note of the reading of the petition, but no order. [*I.* 76, *p,* 27.]

April 13. **32.** Petition of Roger Hall, and his servant, Gilbert West, to the Protector and Council. Being master of the 38th double shallop for landing English forces in Fife, I was sent to Inverness, and thence hauled over land 5 or 6 miles to Lough Ness, where I remained for the use of the army in the Highlands till 8 Sept. 1654, so that I could not be present when the other shallops were paid, and 24*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.* remains due to me for 12 months' service, and to my servant 7*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.* for 7 months'. I beg an order for payment of these arrears, having been at trouble and charge 4 or 5 months in looking after them. [1 *page.*]

April 13. **33.** Reference thereon by Council to Whalley, Twisleton, Goffe, Packer, White, Berkstead, and Worsley, to examine the case, send to Scotland to enquire what has been paid for the shallop's service, and report. [1 *page*; *also I.* 76, *p.* 27.]

April 13. **34.** Petition of Step. Pound, of Cowes, Isle of Wight, to the Protector, for payment of 26*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*, balance of 26*l.* 13*s.* due for hire of his boat, impressed 13 Sept. 1651 to go to Jersey, and for his own and his mate's service. With reference to the Admiralty Commissioners to relieve him, 21 Feb. 1654–5. Endorsed with note from Col. Sydenham to the Admiralty Commissioners, begging relief for [Mary Pound, his wife], as she has nothing to carry her home; and their reply that they can do nothing, believing that his boat was paid with the rest employed in the same service, 23 March 1654–5. [2 *pages.*] *Annexing,*

34. I. *Certificate by Wm. Harding, at request of Mary Pound, that by Major-Gen. Heane's accounts, Stephen received*

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12l. 6s. 8d. at Weymouth for victuals and repairs of his boat, and 10s. 3d. in full compensation, on his discharge in Jersey, but he knows not what should be allowed for demurrage, &c., 27 *March* 1656. [⅔ *page.*]

April 13. Order in Council for a warrant to Mr. Frost to pay 5*l.* to Stephen or Mary Pound for the said boat. [*I.* 76, *p.* 27.]

April 13. Note of a petition referred to the Committee for Petitions, of Alex. Brody, for a warrant to the Commissioners at Leith, or others, to pay him 242*l.*, due for serving as judge in the Court of Sessions in Scotland, till that judicatory dissolved. [*I.* 92, *No.* 334.]

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2. The petition of the wives of those officers and soldiers who are gone in the fleet to the Indies, under Col. Venables,—signed by Eliz. Haynes, Eliz. Hunter, Jane Tayler, and others,—referred to Montague, Sydenham, Desborow, Jones, and Lambert, to report.

3. The Clerks of Council to look over the books, and give account what businesses are put under secrecy, which are not yet taken off.

4, 5. Order—on information that Jasper Clutterbuck, alderman of Gloucester, has in hand 350*l.*, part of the money raised there when the Scots were defeated at Worcester,—that he pay in 250*l.*, and dispose of the rest towards the charges of the city in that insurrection, as he shall be authorized by his Highness and Council. Approved, 20 April.

6. Lambert's report from the Scotch Committee, of a draft of an Order and Declaration for continuing the excise in Ireland, read and re-committed.

7. Order on Strickland's report from the Committee on 2 Dutch ships,—viz., the Peter of Flushing, and the Blue Pigeon of Amsterdam, taken by 2 privateers;—that the Admiralty Judges consider the papers sent in by Lord Nieuport, concerning dealings with Dutch ships, draw up the matter of fact, and report next Tuesday.

8. The complaints of unjust seizures and plunderings by privateers referred to Desborow, Jones, Lambert, and Fiennes; to consider the whole matter of privateers, and report what should be done to prevent the like mischiefs.

10. Order on a paper presented by Col. Gibbon, Governor of Jersey,—praying payment of 25*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, disbursed for clothes and maintainance of Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne, prisoner in Jersey;—that he may allow himself the 25*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* out of the first moneys he receives for the State's use, and place the same to account; but that Lilburne's future expenses are to be satisfied by a discount out of his weekly pension.

17. **35.** The Admiralty Commissioners to provide cloth and baize for coats for his Highness's watermen, and send the bill to Council, that it may be paid.

18. Order on report on the petition of Gilbert Keate and the owners of the Marmaduke [*see* 15 *March, suprà*], that according to

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the Order of 27 July last, the well-affected owners have ½ the value of the ship, and that the Admiralty Commissioners consider what can be further done for the petitioners, and report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 25–28.] *Annexing,*

36. I. *Report on which the above Order is founded.* [1½ *pages.*]

April 14. Approval by the Protector of 10 Orders, 26 March to 12 April. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 28–9.]

April 14. **37.** Bond of Hen. Allen, of Longthorpe, co. Northampton, and his 2 sureties, in 500*l.*, for his appearance before Council at Whitehall, 14 days after notice, and his not acting against the present Government. [1 *page.*]

April 14. **38.** Grant by Wm. Johnson, mayor, and the burgesses of Newcastle-on-Tyne, to John Blakiston, of the office of town clerk. [*Copy,* ¾ *page, dated* 1665. *But see a list of the town clerks endorsed on a grant of the office in March* 1641, *to Wm. Green, in the same hand as this paper.*]

April 16. Chatham. **39.** Com. Peter Pett to Gen. Jno. Desborow. Coming to Whitehall to wait upon you respecting the Naseby, I met a letter to me from the Lord Protector, to make a strict search in all vessels for Wilmot and some others; I thereupon hastened away, gave notice to the Governor of Gravesend Blockhouse, sent away 3 vessels by 3 a.m., and in the afternoon gave an account of my proceedings to his Lordship, sent to the post at Rochester. As my letter has miscarried, either by negligence or wilfulness, and it is the third I have lost within a month, by that or the Dartford post, and as it may prove of bad consequence to the service, I leave it to your discretion to make his Highness acquainted with it. Tell him that his order shall be strictly prosecuted, and notice given of any intelligence that comes to hand. [1 *page.*]

April 17. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Wm. Webster, George Senior, and others, with a certificate of the Lord Mayor of London, and the justices of the sessions holden at Newgate, referred to Montague and Sydenham, to confer with the Commissioners of the Great Seal, and report.

4. Order on resuming the debate on the report from the Committee on the Establishment of the Council's Contingencies, that the salary of 400*l.* granted to Gualter Frost, as treasurer, be reduced to 300*l.*

That John Milton's salary of 288*l.* be reduced to 150*l.*

That the following salaries be taken away:—

Henry Gifford, Frost's assistant, 45*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*
John Hall, 100*l.*
Marchmont Needham, 100*l.*
George Vaux, housekeeper at Whitehall, 150*l.*
René Augier, 182*l.* 10*s.*
The rent of Abraham Williams' house, 300*l.*

5. Some convenient rooms at Somerset House to be set apart for foreign ambassadors.

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6. Thurloe to put that part of the intelligence which is managed by René Augier into the common charge of intelligence, and to order it as is best for the State.

7. The said Committee to confer with the Admiralty Commissioners about transferring the yearly salaries of 100*l.* to Dr. Walker, advocate, and 200*l.* to Mr. Dorislaus, Admiralty Solicitor, from the Council's Contingencies to some other treasury arising by Admiralty proceeds.

8. The salary of 10*s.* a day to be paid to Lieut.-Col. John Roseworm, and the Treasurers-at-war to pay him 10*s.* a day more, when in actual employment.

9. The 160*l.* to Mr. Randolph, keeper of the paper office, and the 200*l.* to Mr. Ryley, keeper of the Tower records, to be paid in future from the Exchequer.

10. Also the weekly pensions of 40*s.* a week each to Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne, and the Earl of Worcester; 20*s.* each to Mr. Allen and Col. Hungerford; 4*l.* to Sir Adam Loftus; and 4*l.* to be divided between Lady Levingston, Mrs. Hobson, Mrs. Bray, and Mrs. Blunden, these sums being formerly charged on Council's Contingencies.

11. The 6*l.* weekly to the Earl of Crawford, 3*l.* to the Earl of Kelly, 5*l.* each to the Earl Marshall and Earl of Lauderdale, and 40*s.* each to Lords Sinclair and Spynie, to be paid by the Treasury Commissioners of Scotland, from the public revenue there.

12. The salaries of the 2 porters, the gallery, chapel, privy garden, and clock keepers of Whitehall, keeper of James's Park gates, gardener, and keeper of the privy lodgings and of the orchard door, to be taken into his Highness' household, and notice given to his steward to supply the places with fit officers.

13. To advise warrants for quarterly payment from the Exchequer of the following yearly salaries:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
John Thurloe, Secretary of State - -	800	0	0
Phil. Meadow, Latin Secretary - -	200	0	0
Messengers 6*s.* 8*d.*, and office clerks 5*s.* a day.			
Scobell and Jessop, clerks, each - -	500	0	0
Edw. Dendy, serjeant-at-arms - -	365	0	0
10 deputies at 3*s.* 4*d.* a day each - -	608	6	8
Rich. Scutt, usher, and assistants, at 13*s.* a day	237	5	0
Thos. Bennett, keeper of the back door of the Council Chamber, 4*s.* a day - -	73	0	0
Rob. Stebbin, fire maker for the clerks, 2*s.* a day - - - - -	36	0	0
The first payment of the above to begin from 1 April instant.			
Rich. Nutt, master of the barges - -	80	0	0
Thos. Washbourne, his assistant - -	20	0	0
25 watermen to attend his Highness' barge, at 4*l.* each a year - - - -	100	0	0

These to begin from 25 March 1655.

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14. To advise warrants to pay Gualter Frost, Treasurer for Council's Contingencies, 300*l.* a year salary, from 1 April till further order.

15. The bills for charges of the messengers and serjeants' deputies to be given in monthly to Mr. Jessop, to examine and certify, and then to be paid by Frost, to whom money is to be issued for that purpose. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 29–32.]

April 17. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Jonas Scott, Customs' Collector at Wells. His Highness and Council hearing, by your letter to Maj.-Gen. Skippon, that you have stayed John Beane and Rich. Preston, who came to your port from Rotterdam, require you to send them hither in safe custody. [*I.* 76, *p.* 35.]

April 17. The Lyme, Downs. **40.** Capt. Jno. Bourne to Robt. Blackborne. Thanks for your letters, by which I understand the hypocrisy of the French, and doubt not but the Lord of hosts and navies will appear strong enough for his people in the day of battle and time of trouble. England's former experience should teach us to place our confidence aright. Pray send down a warrant for our minister. [1 *page.*]

April 17. The Merlin, Cagliari Bay, Sardinia. **41.** Capt. Geo. Crapnell to Thos. Smith, Navy Commissioner. We have all enjoyed good health since coming into the Straits. Our General with his fleet met in Ferrena 9 Turks, which we fired and burnt. Many hundred guns were fired on both sides, and from the Turks' castle, but few English were killed or wounded. The Turks seldom or ever heard such a peal before. Since then I have received some repulse from my own company; therefore if any of them shall come with tickets, or upon any other pretence for money, do not pay them until the frigate returns. There have been other defeats by our frigates. I took a French cutter from Cyprus, off Cape Bona, laden with cotton, which I delivered to the General. I send you a draft of Ferrena port, with the ships as they lay in battle. Pray forward a letter enclosed. [1 *page.*]

April 17. **42.** Certificate by Rich. Phelps, mayor, and others of New Sarum. Edm. Macks, apothecary, was indicted for treason before the Commissioners for Oyer and Terminer, co. Wilts, and confessing himself guilty of that horrid rebellion, was sentenced to death, but begs mercy on our certificate of his former good conduct for 7 years, in compassion to his wife and family. 31 signatures. [1 *page.*]

April 18. **43.** Propositions of the fined persons in Scotland to the Protector. By your order of 6 April, we are to pay on 21 May and 2 July next 45,000*l.*, being ¼ of the fines imposed by the Ordinance of Grace, which is impossible, the sums being so great, and the time so short.

(1.) We offer security to pay ⅙ of the fines in 12 months; this will be 30,000*l.*, besides those 6 persons whose fines are suspended by your last order. This we undertake only in

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the extremity of our necessity, and our desire to keep our families from starving, and to satisfy you.

(2.) By the last order we are less able to raise money than by the commission granted 21 last August to those Commissioners at Edinburgh, as this order only suspends the remainder of the fines till the next Parliament, and those Commissioners had absolute power to discharge.

We beg you, on performance hereof, to order us to get complete discharges, for we cannot raise money by sale or mortgage of our estates so long as that incumbrance lies on us. Also to declare that the fines being paid, we may be freed from the qualifications in the Act of Grace, debarring us from seeking payment of our just debts, so that the law may be patent to us as to the rest of our nation. [1 *page.*]

April 18. Order thereon that Council adheres to the sums to which the fines were reduced by the last order; but the payments are to be in two moieties, on 25 June and 29 September next. A committee to prepare an order for the alteration of the fines, and to discharge those fined on payment of fines, and enable them to recover their debts, and report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 33.]

April 18. **44, 45.** Capt. Wm. Rhodes to Lord Lambert. I beg encouragement for my men, who spent their own or borrowed money to fit themselves as troopers, and I had to borrow money to pay their quarters coming to London, but some remain unpaid, which I will pay if allowed, to prevent clamours, and will give in particulars. With reference from the Protector, 3 April 1655, to Whalley and the rest of the officers, and their report recommending payment of 94*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.* [2 *papers.*]

April 18. Order that the report on the desire of Capt. Wm. Rhodes, on behalf of the party of horse sent under him into co. Northampton, be agreed to, except as to the gratuities of 10*l.* to the captain, and 5*l.* to the lieutenant. That instead of the 94*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.* propounded, 79*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.* be paid him out of Council's Contingencies, to be by him paid according to the report, and in discharge of quarters; and that this sum, and the 50*l.* already advanced him, be repaid to Council by the Treasurers for Militia Money in co. Northampton, if there be any money remaining. Also order that Lord Lambert request his Highness to grant 15*l.* to Rhodes, and 5*l.* to his lieutenant, as a gratuity for that service. Approved 23 April. [*I.* 76. *pp.* 33, 34.]

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1. Council to consider next Friday the business about the Scotch rolls and records desired to be sent into Scotland. The Master of the Rolls and Mr. Ryley to attend.

10. Thos. Smithsby to attend Council, to account for his not obeying the order of 31 Aug. to remove from Hampton Court within a month.

12. To advise a warrant for 30*l.* from Army Contingencies to Capt. Hen. Griffith, for repair of Cardiff Castle, he accounting for it to the Army Committee. Approved 3 May.

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13. Order on petition of Roger, Lord Broghill,—showing how he is molested by persons turning cattle into grounds of his, part of the late forest of Frome Selwood, co. Somerset, and making the same common, in contempt of a former letter from Council to some justices of peace for preventing spoils;—that Council write to the said justices of peace to return a certificate of their proceedings. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 33–5.]

April 18. Whitehall. 16. Pres. Lawrence to the Army Committee. Council hearing that the pay of his Highness' lifeguards is assigned on some old arrears due to the army, the levying whereof will be difficult, and will occasion their absence from service, desires you to charge it on some other assignment, that may more certainly be paid. [*I.* 76, *p.* 36.]

April 18. Whitehall. 17. Pres. Lawrence to Geo. Monck, Commander-in-Chief in Scotland. Council recommends to you the bearer, Rob. Dalliel, preacher of the Gospel, a man of piety and ability, intending to preach in Scotland, and desires you to see him provided for as other ministers are. [*I.* 76, *p.* 36.]

April 18. Whitehall. 18. Pres. Lawrence to John Ashe, John Hippesley, John Carey, and John Buckland, Esquires, and the other justices of peace for co. Somerset. Lord Broghill having complained that his estate in Frome Selwood Forest, secured to him by letters patent and a decree from the Exchequer Court, had been broken into, a letter was sent you from Council in August last, recommending it to you to preserve the same to him; further complaints being now made of his disturbance therein, they desire a certificate of your proceedings on that letter, and of the whole matter, that some further course may be taken. [*I.* 76, *p.* 36.]

April 18. Exeter. **46.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Col. Jno. Clarke, Admiralty Chamber, Whitehall. Particulars of ships at Plymouth. I came here yesterday, and the assizes commenced to-day, when the juries were empanelled, and 10 of the insurrectionists were arraigned, but only Penruddock tried; he was found guilty of high treason; the other 9 will be tried to morrow. Penruddock challenged 22 jurymen, without showing any cause, before 12 could be sworn, and as the rest may do the same, it will cause the trials to be long; but it is the law, and ought to be submitted to. I must be here, for the prisoners deny at the bar what they confessed at their first examination. [1 *page.*]

April 19. Notes of petitions referred to the Committee for Petitions, on which no reports nor Council orders were given. All from *I.* 92.

Roger Kilvert, for liberty to bring in some goods from the Canaries. [*No.* 13.]

John King, one of the former messengers, for employment. Noted as "not looked after." [*No.* 20.]

Widow Marsh, to continue in her husband's place as postmaster at Southwark. [*No.* 22.]

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April 19. Jervise Michell, for 25*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for freight and demurrage, on a report from the Irish and Scotch Committee. Noted as "submitted to Council, being money due." [*No.* 29.]

Serjeant Dendy, that 711*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* due to him may be passed into a bond at Worcester House, and allowed towards purchase of fee-farm rents. Noted, "not looked after, and supposed to be provided for." [*No.* 31.]

Jas. Tatnell, for satisfaction from the Spaniard for his losses about a prize ship of his taken from the French, and seized at Ostend. "Not looked after." [*No.* 33.]

Randall Shaw, for liberty to transport butter. [*No.* 35.]

Moore Fontleroy, for power to preserve the deer in Woolmer Forest. "To be left to his Highness." [*No.* 36.]

Jersey men, that the Haberdashers' Hall Commissioners may relieve them as they judge meet, concerning 1,000*l.* given them out of delinquents' estates. [*No.* 37.]

Hen. Pilkington, for liberty to make farthings. [*No.* 43.]

Jas. Winstanley, for a letter to the Duke of Florence, to take off his protection from some goods of Sir Wm. Courteen, a bankrupt. "Not looked after." [*No.* 45.]

Paul Haggitt, for arrears of a pension granted him by the late King. "Delivered, Mr. Long, 9 Sept. 1654." [*No.* 46.]

Wm. Dodson, for release, being a prisoner in Newgate, though freed by exchange. "Delivered out." [*No.* 47.]

Merchant Adventurers' Company, for re-establishment of their government. "Not prosecuted." [*No.* 48.]

Drury House Trustees, for power to dispose of Sir John Winter's estate in the Forest of Dean. "Not prosecuted; under management of the Treasury." [*No.* 49.]

Inhabitants of Stow, co. Northampton, for examination of articles annexed against Mr. Yates, their minister. "Not prosecuted." [*No.* 50.]

Sir John Lenthall, that Serj. Dendy may re-deliver his office and book. "Formerly settled." [*No.* 51.]

Sir Fras. Norris and Col. Cook, for direction to justices named, to proceed according to Ordinance for getting in the Petitioners' tithes in Long Crendon, co. Bucks. "Not prosecuted, and fit for law." [*No.* 52.]

Handicrafts' men of London, that strangers may not prejudice them in their trades, and that their cause may be heard. "Not prosecuted." [*No.* 53.]

Lord Willoughby of Parham, for payment of 2,155*l.* out of Haberdashers' Hall, due by Ordinance of Parliament of 1646, in pursuance of Barbadoes articles. [*No.* 55.]

Iron ware makers, co. Warwick, that 20*s.* a ton on iron may be taken off. [*No.* 61.]

Watermen, for liberty to take gratuities from ambassadors, or satisfaction therefor some other way. [*No.* 64.]

Sam. Camby, for recommendation to the State of France, for payment of money lent their ambassador at Constantinople. "Not in the bundle." [*No.* 68.]

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April 19. John Manley, for passing of the Post Ordinance. "Settled." [*No.* 69.]

Capt. John Browne, for consideration of his father, Hum. Browne's losses, for adhering to the votes of Parliament concerning tonnage and poundage in 1628. "Delivered, Col. Kelsey, 16 Aug. 1655." [*No.* 70.]

[Ralph] Cudworth, master of Clare Hall, for arrears of his augmentation. [*No.* 71.]

Geo. Wither, for payment of 300*l.* out of Haberdashers' Hall, ordered by Parliament out of discoveries, he having brought in more than that by discoveries, being for interest of 700*l.* formerly due. Noted, "Money, and submitted to Council, a report drawn at large. Report returned from Drury House 17 April 1655." [*No.* 75.]

James Freeze and others, for consideration of a former petition for transporting vagrants. "Not in the bundle, and laid aside." [*No.* 77.]

Corporation of Chester, for ease in their monthly assessment. [*No.* 79.]

Hum. Jones, for restraint of the export of leather, and leave to export 20,000 dickers of calf skins for 21 years. "Special report drawn." [*No.* 81.]

John Robinson, for payment of 12*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, balance of 40*l.* ordered him in a list, towards a debt for the late King. [*No.* 82.]

Inhabitants of Aylesbury; complain of the election made there for Parliament. [*No.* 92.]

John St. John, for discharge of the rent of some lands of the Earl of Westmoreland while under sequestration, according to a Parliament Ordinance annexed. [*No.* 94.]

Rice Vaughan, for hearing on the articles against John Edisbury, prothonotary of co. Montgomery; "formerly ordered by his Highness." [*No.* 96.]

Committee for Claims in Ireland, to have lands in Ireland set out to make up 4,000*l.*, with 1,379*l.* received according to a report from the Committee for Inspection; "settled by an Ordinance Aug. 1654." [*No.* 98.]

Hen. Elsing, for continuance of the manufacture of brass, by laying 20 per cent. on foreign brass; "fit for the Committee of Trade; dead." [*No.* 99.]

Rich. Shute, for increase of salary, and payment, with interest, of 1,000*l.* lent on an Ordinance of 21 Oct. 1643; has done service at the Custom House for 250*l.* a year, which cost before 1,250*l.*, and kept accounts of Algiers duty without allowance; "done formerly by Ordinance." [*No.* 99*a.*]

Theodore Jennings, for a warrant for his salary as clerk in Whitehall Chapel, which —— Griffith has unduly received; "formerly ordered that the salary be divided." [*No.* 100.]

April 19. **47.** Petition of Susan Fulcher, Mary Kilvert, Marg. Kinkid, Mary Morley, Jas. Burrell, and Malcolm Carter, servants of the late King's children, to Council. We are the ancientest servants of the children, and attended them under several governors, by Parliament's order, till they were settled under the Countess of Leicester, when we were dismissed. We then applied to Parliament for pensions, as allowed to the rest of our fellow servants, and his Highness, before the expedition to Scotland, promised to assist us. On our petition, the Revenue Committee ordered us a small sum for our relief, but for 4 years we have had nothing, and are forced to earn our bread by hard labour. We beg to be settled like the rest of the servants. [⅔ *page.*]

April 19. Note of a petition of the dissolved family of the late King's children, referred 10 Aug. 1654 to the Committee for Petitions, that the moneys appointed for them may be paid out of the Exchequer, according to a proviso in their Ordinance. [*I.* 92, *No.* 171.]

April 19. Order in Council that the report from the Committee about the servants of the late King's children be laid aside for the present. [*I.* 76, *p.* 37.] *Annexing,*

48. I. *Report alluded to, on their petition for the payment of the yearly moneys ordered them by Parliament* 4 *Dec.* 1645, *for life, or till re-investment in their places, viz.:—*

		£	*s.*	*d.*
To Dr. Mayerne, yearly	-	200	0	0
– Dr. Colladon, ,,	-	100	0	0
– Nich. Bond, ,,	-	200	0	0
– John Humphries	-	400	0	0
– Corn. Holland, for the other household servants	-	3,325	4	11
		4,225	4	11

to be paid from money arising from the Court of Wards and Liveries, or from the late King's revenues. Thereupon Holland had a warrant for 831*l.* 6*s.* 2½*d. quarterly. On* 12 *Jan.* 1647–8 *the Revenue Committee gave Capt. Fauconberg a warrant to pay Holland* 11,112*l.* 5*s.* 10*d. from the Court of Wards, on account for the household. Their petition states that in* 1653, *when a Committee of Parliament was appointed for inspection of the Treasuries, his Highness requested a proviso that there should be no obstruction in their payments, which was approved.* [*Draft unsigned,* 1 *page.*]

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4. Order, according to a report of the Committee for Scotland, that — as on 6 April, the persons fined by the Act of Grace for Scotland were ordered to pay ½ their reduced fines by 21 May, and the other ½ by 2 July, and to incur no penalty by suspension of payment of the remainder; and as they complain of the shortness of the time for payment,—it be extended for the first ½ to 25 June, and for the second ½ to 29 Sept. Approved 20 April.

5. **49.** The order of Feb. 15 last to allow Col. Rob. Thorp, prisoner in the Tower, to go abroad for a month on security, vacated, and

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Montague, Sydenham, Jones, and Wolsley to consider a desire now offered to enlarge the time to 6 months, and report.

6. Sydenham and Montague added to the Committee on the petitions and reports depending before Council.

7. The above Committee to offer reports for consideration on April 26.

8. The petition of the first undertakers for reducements of rates of postage, signed by Francis Thompson and Rich. Hill, for themselves and partners, referred to the Committee on the whole business of postage. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 37–38.]

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Plymouth.

50. Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Col. Jno. Clerke. I see by your letter how the honest French are like to deal with us, and wish it may quicken us to go thoroughly to work with them, as becomes honest men, to do their utmost for the good of their poor country. I do not wonder to hear of an order from the delegates to the same purpose that those busy gentlemen had like to have one from the Admiralty; but here is delicate work all this while, and it behoves those gentlemen to bestir themselves for their own credit, having before engaged against the Commonwealth; but till his Highness throws such men with indignation out of his presence, you will never want instruments as use indirect ways against the Commonwealth. I notice what you say concerning the value of the goods at Morlaix, and shall appoint the Bryer to go to that coast, giving notice at Morlaix of her being there, and will have her fitted and tallowed by to-morrow night, and ready to take in her provisions with haste.

The Great Charity is taking in provisions, but has not 20 men besides officers. I have sent the lieutenant to ferret them out of their holes in the town; but when all is done she will want 70 men, many being run away out of discontent; some come tippling on shore, and then march away in their mad fits, some to privateers at Fowey, and some to their homes; but I have given orders to some of the captains, when they meet privateers, to take out their seamen. If the Commissioners approve thereof, I desire an order for so doing. I also want a letter to Capt. Heaton to furnish 20 or 30 men for the Great Charity if needful; they come voluntarily to serve in the Saphire.

The abominable strong drink brewed in this town is of more prejudice to the State and to the poor men than the heads of all the brewers and alehouse keepers here are worth. I have made several complaints of it to the government here, but they protest they cannot remedy it, as the brewers have grown so rich, they contend with them at law. A sad effect of this drink was seen here last week; two Dutchmen, being deep in liquor, and going towards their ship in Catwater, and some young men of the town being at play without the Friary Gate, one of them called the Dutchmen butter boxes, whereupon they drew out their knives, and one of them struck the young man behind the ear, and he immediately died; they are both in hold, and will be sent to Exeter to be tried. This strong drink is from 26*s.* to 28*s.* a hogshead, and stronger than sack, and when a sailor has drunk one bowl, it makes him half out of his wits. To remedy this, I propose you should move the Commissioners to write to the mayor and magistrates, laying before them the evil this liquor produces, and desiring them to take some effectual course according to law to prevent it, and you will have it remedied in a great measure, if not altogether.

I desire you will not charge home the Receiver for Devonshire with payments within the county, as I have been constrained to take up the collections of Rowborough and Plympton Hundreds, which is about 415*l.*, and have ordered Fras. Hacker to pay it into the Treasury at Guildhall, and yet this does not defray half the expense here since I put in the last accounts. I will send up all these accounts when the Charity is dispatched, being resolved to keep short ones, or else I may quickly run myself out at heels, for to be out 400*l.* or 500*l.* of my own may be a great loss to me; besides, all the money I have, to 20*l.* or 30*l.*, is now in London, being disbursed here for the State's use, and there received.

P.S.—I can get no money here on exchange; none will take bills on a public treasury, yet business must be dispatched. [2⅛ *pages.*]

April 19. The Sea Venture, Malaga. **51.** Capt. Abra. Pearce to the Admiralty Commissioners. I arrived at Cadiz Bay on the 17th, and hearing from Mr. Wilson, the Consul there, that there was no intelligence of the fleet, I proceeded, as ordered, to the Mediterranean, and on to Malaga Road. I hear from Abra. Philliter, Master of the Rebecca of London, who came from Genoa 30 March last, that Gen. Blake had then lately arrived at Leghorn from Tunis. [⅔ *page.*]

April 20. Note of a petition referred to the Committee for Petitions, of John Clench, and the inhabitants of Stowbury, co. Dorset, for relief, their town being burnt in 1643 for the Parliament's service, damage 3,000*l.* [*I.* 92, *No.* 331.]

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2. Col. John Birch's house in co. Hereford to be made untenable, by filling in the moat, or by making sufficient breaches therein to give free passage to the house, and he is to have it done within 2 months, or Col. Wroth Rogers, Governor of Hereford, shall do it speedily, as he is hereby empowered to do, and to remove the soldiers now garrisoning it.

3. The draft of a Proclamation reported by Montague, for executing the laws against Popish priests, Jesuits, &c., now read, to be read again next Tuesday.

4. Note that the Master of the Rolls attended to-day according to order.

5. The business of the Scotch Rolls to be considered next Wednesday, and the Clerks of Council to remind Council thereof.

6. To request his Highness to make use of a Privy Seal.

7. The petition of Margaret Swinton, for her uncle Wm. Scott, referred to the Committee on the Affairs of Scotland, to report.

8. A report from the Admiralty Commissioners, of April 16,

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concerning tobacco and French wines landed at Plymouth from the Samson, referred to the Commissioners for regulating Customs and Excise, to consider it and do what is fit.

11. Approval by the Protector of 3 Orders, 13–19 April. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 39, 40.]

April 22. Haughton. **52.** John, Earl of Clare, Lord Warden of Sherwood Forest, to Mr. Montague, one of the Council, at his lodgings near the Orchard, Whitehall. Fearing to trouble his Highness with an immediate address, I beg you to acquaint him with the enclosed and a report that Mr. Clark has leave to sell for his own use 28,000 trees, which will expound all the dark places thereof; that he sets on all the workmen that can be got at very high wages, and before the bark will peel, contrary to statute, and sells at very low rates, like Solomon's harlot that would have the living child divided. He sweeps clean, leaving no standards according to law, which will bare of timber a forest that stands near 2 navigable rivers, the Trent and Idle, and render it in the same condition as the Forest of Dean was endeavoured in the late King's time, by malevolent persons, to weaken our wooden walls of shipping. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

> **52.** I. *The* 4 *Verderers and Ranger of Sherwood Forest to John, Earl of Clare. The forest is ruined, especially Cliptson Woods, where the inhabitants have right of estovers, by Mr. Clark, on pretence of a grant from the Committee for sale of Traitors' Estates. He has felled* 1,000 *trees, and daily fells more, and sold* 300 *to Phillips of Bawely, for ship timber. He fells in the heart of the forest, where the deer have their greatest relief. There is much good ship timber in the forest. Rob. Baskerville, late Woodward General, has died; another should be appointed or the woods will suffer much. Blidworth Attachment,* 16 *April* 1655. [1 *page.*]

[April 22.] **53.** Short hand notes relating to Sherwood Forest. [⅔ *page.*]

April 22. Motston. **54.** Rob. Dillington to his "noble captain," Jos. Williamson, Queen's College, Oxford. Thanks to you and my kind associates for your many courtesies. I hope you had as pleasant and safe a journey as we had a transportation. I wished the horses might be all Pegasuses. We exchanged ours for Icarus' wings, yet had not his bad fortune, for we arrived safe at our wished for port. I hope you were not detained by your watch at Sutton. Let me hear from you at Jasper Devenish's, Hampton. [1 *page.*]

April 23. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Commissioners of the Great Seal to proceed according to the Ordinance for better regulating the jurisdiction of the High Court of Chancery.

2. Wolsley, Fiennes, Montague, and Jones, to be a Committee

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to speak with the Great Seal Commissioners about the above Ordinance, according to the purport of this day's debate. [*I.* 76, *p.* 42.]

April 23. **55.** Jo. Der. [John, Bishop of Derry] to Mr. Parker, English gentleman, Antwerp. We must wait a week or two to know what the business will prove between England and France. I shall be as ready as ever to do you good, if it be not cast in my teeth afterwards. To multiply journeys to the Hague is but to multiply charge.

Mr. Crooke writes me that nothing can yet be done in your business, on account of transplantation and other hindrances. I have pressed him to do his uttermost with speed. Think of a convenient place to retire to, the more private the better; let no man know of it. I fear the Swedish armies may trouble Cleveland this summer. Direct to me at the Golden Pomegranate, High Street, Hague. [½ *page.*]

April 24. **56.** Petition of Rob. Dalliell, minister, Swanton Morley, Norfolk, to Council. You have granted me a recommendation to Gen. Monk for preaching the Gospel in Scotland, but I have many enemies, who will take steps to sequester my place if I be absent above 80 days, nor can the Commissioners for Sequestration deny it, though never so much my friends, there being no exception in case of non-residence. I beg your order to the county Commissioners to provide an honest man in my place, paying him from the profits during my absence, which may be a year from 1 June next, and to keep my place for me. [⅔ *page.*]

April 24. Order thereon that he suffer no prejudice by his year's absence, provided he take care to supply his place by a qualified person, and the Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers and others are to note this. Approved 3 May. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 43, 54.]

April 24. Note of a petition referred, 24 April 1655, to the Committee for Petitions, of Geo. Castle and other captives in Algiers, for ransom as others have had, having been 14 years in captivity. [*I.* 92, *No.* 356.]

April 24. Order in Council, on report from the Customs' Commissioners concerning the redemption of the captives at Algiers, Tunis, Tripoli, &c., and papers annexed;—that Wolsley, Strickland, Mulgrave, and Lambert consider what should be done, consult with the Customs' Commissioners, and report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 43.]

April 24. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on Jones' report from the Committee on the Postage of letters, to advise that the management of the Post Office be performed by Mr. Thurloe, security being given for payment of the present rent of 10,000*l.* a year, and for keeping the conditions of the contract with the present farmer; to be settled by grant under

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the Great Seal for such period as his Highness and Council think fit, beginning from the expiration of Manley's contract. Approved 3 May. *Annexing,*

57. I. *Report of which this order is founded.* [1 *page.*]

2. The petition of James Wallis, of Rickmansworth, co. Hertford, read, and referred to Jones, Mulgrave, Wolsley, Strickland, and Fiennes, to report.

3. Order—on Jones' report from the Committee ordered on Nov. 30 1654, to examine bills presented to Council for goods provided for the first furniture of Whitehall and the Mews, subscribed by John Maidstone, his Highness' steward, amounting to 6,106*l.* 17*s.* 0*d.*,—to advise a warrant to pay Maidstone, that he may pay the said bills. Approved 3 May.

5. The question whether the draft of an order annexed to the report—for continuing an Act for laying an imposition on coal, towards building and maintaining ships to guard the seas,—should be committed, passed in the negative.

10. Strickland, Skippon, Wolsley, and Jones to consider the paper now read, sent in by Machamont Needham, and the annexed warrants concerning printing, and to report.

13. The Committee appointed to speak with the Great Seal Commissioners to read the Ordinance for regulating Chancery, see what is further to be done in order to execute it, and report.

14. Wolsley and Jones to speak with the Solicitor-General and Lord Broghill about the settling lands in Ireland, for which he is to have 3,000*l.*, and concerning the payment of money to him. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 42–5.]

April 24. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Lord Deputy and Council of Ireland, at Dublin. His Highness and Council think fit that Lieut.-Gen. Ludlow forbear coming over to England till further order, so you are not to permit him to do so. [*I.* 76, *p.* 45.]

April 24. Proclamation by the Protector for executing the laws against priests and Jesuits, and for speedy conviction of Popish recusants. Finding that in spite of the severe laws, many priests and Jesuits resort here, say masses, and seduce people to the Church of Rome; and holding ourselves obliged to use all good means to preserve the people from being corrupted, which is best performed by keeping them from priests ordained in foreign parts, and prohibited by the laws of this land;—we order diligent search to be made for all Jesuits and priests having orders from the See of Rome, who are to be apprehended and committed to the county gaol, to remain without bail or mainprize till their trial. We give notice that the harbourers and maintainers of them shall be left to the course of law, and we expect all our judges, justices of peace, &c., to execute the laws now in force against them.

There has lately been great neglect in conviction of Popish recusants, so that no penalties are levied, which has induced many to

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embrace Popery. We therefore command that the Ordinance for an oath of abjuration, appointed by Parliament to be tendered to any above 21 by authorized persons, be executed; and that none may pretend ignorance, we express the words of the oath, and all who refuse to take it before any 2 justices of peace, or mayor and city officers, are to forfeit as Papists, and have ⅔ of their estates sequestered, and of their goods sold, as appointed by the Act of Sequestration. The oath,—being a denial of Papal supremacy, of transubstantiation, purgatory, and image worship, and a confession that salvation cannot be merited by works—is to be taken without equivocation or reservation. This oath is to be tendered to all suspected to be Popishly inclined, and the names of those who refuse or neglect to take it to be certified into the Exchequer, that proceedings may be taken. All justices of peace, mayors, &c., are to administer this oath as a necessary duty, and not to do it or forbear at their pleasure. [*I.* 76*a, pp.* 49–51.]

April 24. Note that this proclamation was read in Council without being committed, and then passed. [*I.* 76, *p.* 44.]

April 24. **58.** And. Duke to Capt. Pearce. Your kindred are expecting your coming. Receive 10*l.* more for me at my cousin Johnson's, the Black Boy, Friday St., and pay it to Peter Ceely's appointment. Buy me two pairs of gloves, one a woman's and perfumed. [1 *page. Endorsed from Mr. Berry.*]

April 25. Notes of petitions, the consideration of which was transferred in 1654 to the Committee for Petitions, but on which no reports were made, nor Council orders given. All in *I.* 92.

Sir Rob. Pye, for confirmation of his patent as auditor of the Exchequer. "Place disposed." [*No.* 103.]

Gilb. Brookes, for payment of 4*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.* disbursed in seizing 1,800*l.* at Chelmsford, Essex. "Sir Wm. Masham to certify by what authority he was set to work, and what was expended." [*No.* 104.]

Rob. Bowyer, for confirmation of his patent from King James of the place of Usher of the Exchequer. "Not in the bundle." [*No.* 105.]

Sir Jas. Scott, avowing his innocence, Pat. Scott, Earl of Panmure, and [Sir] Alex. Morrison, for relief from their fines in Scotland. [*Nos.* 107–9, 111.]

Michael Baker, Thos. Barker, Keiling Guydott, and Edw. Osbaldston, for confirmation in their places as Messengers of the Exchequer. [*No.* 112.]

Denis Gauden and others, that the Spanish Ambassador may answer their complaint about the Discovery, seized by the King of Spain, and other ill usage. "Referred to the Commissioners for the Spanish Treaty, when appointed; nothing to be done." [*No.* 113.]

Rob. Michel, for delivery of his ship, taken and condemned as French, upon her appraisement. [*No.* 115.]

Corporation of Poole, for order to be taken to keep the Channel clear. [*No.* 116.]

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Rob. Jegon, for consideration of the bill prepared by the Committee for Prisons and Prisoners, in order to payment of his debts. [*No.* 118.]

Lady Cunningham, for discharge of a fine laid on Sir Jas. Levingston by the Ordinance for Scotland. [*No.* 119.]

Thos. Hamilton, for a declaration that he is not the Thos. Hamilton who was fined in Scotland, there being 2 of that name there. [*No.* 122.]

Barbara Saunderson, that in discharge of 1,850*l.* arrears of an annuity from King James, the sequestration of Lady Jane Mennes may be released, being her jointure, and no part of the estate of Sir John Mennes, from whom it was sequestered. [*No.* 123.]

Wm. Fishman and other owners of the Peace, that the Admiralty Judges may be required to order them their shares, in pursuance of Council's order. "Not prosecuted." [*No.* 126.]

Wm. Scott, for discharge of a fine imposed on him in Scotland. [*No.* 128.]

Levant Company, for approbation of Major Salway as ambassador to Constantinople, and for a commission to be granted him. [*No.* 129.]

Levant Company, for power to collect the charge of consulage. [*No.* 130.]

Anne Faukard, for relief, having lost her husband by sickness in the service. "Special report drawn." [*No.* 135.]

Margaret, widow of Col. Venn, for an order to the Haberdashers' Hall Commissioners for payment of 265*l.*, for which she has an order, and of 1,427*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.* to make up 1,602*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.*, balance due of 4,000*l.* ordered by Parliament to her husband, out of delinquents' estates discovered by him, he having discovered more than the 4,000*l.* "Report drawn." [*No.* 140.]

Corporation of Bristol, for relief concerning a fee-farm rent of 40*l.* a year reserved on their purchase of Bristol Castle, but —— Wallis, who has purchased it, prosecutes them for it and arrears, contrary to an order of Parliament. "Not prosecuted." [*No.* 142.]

Ranulph Shaw, cheesemonger, for liberty to transport 500 barrels of butter. [*No.* 146.]

William, Earl of Dalhowsie, and Hen. Maule, for discharge of his fine upon articles. [*No.* 147.]

Wm. Tasburgh, for reversal of the order for his commitment to custody, and outing from his office, for Tudor's escape. [*No.* 149.]

John Elston, for confirmation of his patent as usher and cutter of the tallies. [*No.* 151.]

John King, to be paid his salary as other messengers. [*No.* 152.]

Col. Marcus Trevor, to enjoy his estate in Ireland, his Highness having taken him into protection. [*No.* 156.]

Edw. Jenks and his wife, to be heard on some complaints against Sir John Lenthall. [*No.* 159.]

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April 25. John Prowse, minister at Bishopston, co. Wilts, for continuance of an augmentation of 15*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* granted to Mr. Cross, being a sequestration, but since removed, the living being not above 40*l.* a year. "Fit for the trustees." [*No.* 161.]

John Tilston, for allowance of some lands, part of Roche and Selwood forests, in lieu of a debt. [*No.* 164.]

Edw. Bullock, for relief against a decree in Chancery of 39 Elizabeth. "Delivered, Mr. Winslow, 23 Oct. 1654." [*No.* 167.]

Hum. Brewster and reduced officers, for payment of their arrears out of lands in Ireland, according to an Act of Parliament, their accounts being stated. [*No.* 169.]

Barbers and surgeons of London, for payment of 1,750*l.* owing to them by the State, they owing great debts; also forbearance of prosecution by the Commissioners for Compounding for 100*l.* due from them as composition for 1,000*l.* which they owed to Mr. Watson, and the debt being sequestered, they compounded for it. "Not prosecuted." [*No.* 172.]

Sir Sackville Crow. Was employed at Constantinople, and at his return in 1648, committed to the Tower on motion of the Levant Company; was released by Parliament, on bail to appear when required; but that Parliament and another being dissolved, begs release from attendance, delivery of his bonds, and to be left to the law. "Levant Company to show cause on Wednesday next, and notice to be given." [*No.* 173.]

Rob. Devereux and Chris. Hore, late of Wexford, for license to go to Ireland, where they left their crops, and return, having a residence in Flintshire; had license from the Commissioners for Ireland to transplant themselves to England. [*No.* 174.]

Wm. Lishman, for payment of several sums ordered him for attendance on divers Committees of Parliament. "Mr. Scobell to give his opinion on Wednesday." [*No.* 176.]

Surrey and Sussex ministers, for a hearing of what they can say for exemption from charge of repairing highways and bridges. [*Nos.* 177, 178.]

John Wharton, prisoner on suspicion of being in the late plot, for release. [*No.* 180.]

Drugsters, for remitment of 12*d.* per lb. Excise on drugs and apothecaries' ware. [*No.* 181.]

Mary Page. [*No.* 186.]

William, Viscount Stafford, that no proceedings may be had on Sir Rich. Onslow's prosecution of the Earl of Arundel's lunacy, till the Commissioners of the Great Seal make their report. [*No.* 187.]

Owners of the Unicorn, for consideration of their loss by the French, upon closing the treaty. "The Commissioners to take care of him as others." [*No.* 188.]

Leonard Ward and Joan his wife, administratrix of Rich. Brigham, coachmaker to the late King, for payment of 6,700*l.* due to Brigham; he borrowed 3,000*l.*, for which his estate was engaged, and his 4 children ruined, yet they are sued on bonds of 200*l.* and 40*l.* entered into to pay doctors' fees, and suits in Chancery. [*No.* 193.]

April 25. Walmsley chapelry, for cessation of interruption given to Mich. Brisco, who was chosen their minister. [*No.* 195.]

Thos. Chelston and others interested in the Great Christopher, to be left to law in the Admiralty Court, having given security according to a decree, but on a false oath of Edw. Lewis, being since required to deposit the proceeds of it with the Commissioners for Prize Goods. "Fit to be referred to the Admiralty Court. [*No.* 196.]

Simon Thompson, for release, being committed for pretended words against the present Government by the malicious prosecution of —— Roe, a Papist. [*No.* 198.]

Sam. Boothouse, that demand may be made for his particular damages by the Turks. "Not prosecuted." [*No.* 199.]

Governor and Company of Merchant Adventurers of Newcastle-on-Tyne, about differences with the merchant adventurers of England, consisting of companies in divers parts of England, each of which have free trade, without being imposed on by the other; offer 8*l.* a year composition, in lieu of all demands. "Fit to be considered when the Merchant Adventurers receive any progress." [*No.* 200.]

Nich. Warren and others, for delivery on bail of goods in the 3 Kings and St. John de Grace, which they claim in the Admiralty. [*No.* 201.]

Nich. Jenkins, bailiff and escheator of Westminster, for examination of his title to the estate of Hen. Ranzes, a stranger, who died without kindred. [*No.* 212.]

Major Erasmus Purling, for consideration of his losses of 3,000*l.* in reducing Jersey. "Referred to the Admiralty Commissioners; paper delivered to the wife, 26 April 1656." [*No.* 217.]

Geo. Goodman, for the Mastership of St. John's Hospital, Northampton. [*No.* 219.]

Jos. Burkers, for release, having long been a prisoner on the late plot. [*No.* 220.]

John Dethick, Nathan Wright, &c., that Serjeant (?) Eltonhead may receive a determination in the Admiralty on 8,000*l.*, in pieces of 8, taken in the silver ships Salvadore, &c., he pretending the dependence there a bar for doing them justice upon a contract for a sum of ryals. [*No.* 228.]

Salt makers of North and South Shields, Blythe, and Sunderland, for examination of their case; that manufacture will be destroyed through the Ordinance for uniting Scotland, as there they make salt cheaper than in England. "A new petition." [*No.* 231.]

Portugal merchants, that the Consulage of Portugal money may be settled on John Parker, merchant of London. [*No.* 235.]

Nath. Eldred, for past and future allowance as Commissary of provisions for Scotland; had the survey of the stores in the garrisons, and was promised allowance therefor, but had it not. "Not prosecuted; a business of soldiers." [*No.* 236.]

Commissioners for Public Debts and Discoveries, for continuance with further power necessary, and order to call in the moneys discovered, re-imburse their charges therefrom, and receive allowance. "Referred to the Treasury Commissioners." [*No.* 240.]

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April 25. Thos. Levett, executor of Hen. Shuter, for Commissioners to examine frauds about the late King's part of prizes taken in his wars with France, &c. [*No.* 243.]

James, Lord Ogleby [or Ogilvy], for liberty, being prisoner in the Tower, and urging his innocency. [*No.* 247.]

Eliz. Heatley, for payment of part of 1,000*l.* disbursed in 1641 by her husband, a surgeon in Londonderry, for physic for the regiments, she being left poor. "Submitted." [*No.* 248.]

Eliz. Dod, for leave to transport 1,500 barrels of butter; her husband was employed for relief of Gloucester, contracted a sickness at Newbury battle, and died, leaving her with 5 small children. "Fit to be recommended to his Highness." [*No.* 249.]

April 26. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on report from the Committee on the Ordinance touching the Chancery, to request his Highness to appoint 6 Masters of Chancery. *Annexing,*

59. I. *Report alluded to:—That this is all that is to be done by his Highness or Council; the rest is to be done by the Commissioners of* [*the Great Seal*] *and Master of the Rolls.* [¾ *page.*]

3. Alderman Fowke's business to be considered this day week.

4. Council having ordered, on 29 March, payment of 20,000*l.* to the Treasurers-at-war from the Exchequer, and of 3,000*l.* from the late Treasurers-at-war, for the Army, the Army Committee are to issue warrants to the present Treasurers-at-war for its payment for the army and its contingencies.

5. The draft of a letter presented by Col. Sydenham approved, and to be signed and sent to the various counties where notice is given that the Ordinance for ejecting scandalous or insufficient ministers and schoolmasters has not been executed, addressed to some of the county Commissioners for executing that Ordinance, and to be communicated to the rest, viz.:—

Co. Dorset.—Col. John Bingham, Hen. Henly, and John Whiteway.
„ Lincoln.—John Disney, Wm. Harvey, and Mr. Fiennes.
„ Stafford.—Hen. Stone, Thos. Whitegrave, and Mr. Adshead.
London.—The Lord Mayor, &c. Repeated, 27 April.
„ Somerset and Bristol.—Col. Popham, John Buckland, John Sealy, and Rob. Aldworth.
„ Surrey.—Sir Rich. Onslow, Art. Onslow, Rob. Tichborne Alderman of London, Sir Wm. Brereton, Fras. Drake, John Blackwell, sen. and jun.
„ Derby and Nottingham.—Sam. Sleigh and Sir John Burdett.
2 Letters to Somerset.—Sir Thos. Wroth, Sir John Horner, Alex. Popham, Thos. and John Gorges, Rich. and Rob. Aldworth, James Powell, John Carey, John Harrington, John Sealy, &c.

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LEICESTER and RUTLAND.—Francis Hacker, Wm. Stanley, and Edmund Craddock Alderman of Leicester. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 46–7.]

April 26. Pres. Lawrence to the aforesaid Commissioners. Council having considered the sad calamity this Commonwealth has long groaned under, by reason of profane, ignorant, and scandalous ministers, to the great grief of the godly, encouragement of the wicked, and hindrance of the propagation of the Gospel and of reformation; and finding the Ordinance for ejecting such ministers is not at all put into execution in your county, desires you quickly to meet, and effectually to execute the same. [*I.* 76, *p.* 46.]

April 26. Whitehall. 2. Pres. Lawrence to the Admiralty Commissioners. His Highness and Council—having heard that divers Brest men-of-war invest the west coast, and that one is now riding before Dartmouth Port, having lately sunk a ship,—recommend to you to take effectual means to protect that coast, and Dartmouth in particular, from further mischief. [*I.* 76, *p.* 46.]

April 26. Plymouth. **60.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Col. Jno. Clerke. I want a letter to the mayor and magistrates, concerning the abominable strong drink which is here brewed, and which they protest they cannot hinder, the brewers fencing with them most stoutly. If it were not against the law, I would have all the brewers pressed and sent in the Great Charity to Barbadoes or Hispaniola. It would be no sin against God, for by their means his name is profaned, his creatures abused, and much evil committed. Pray become an instrument to prevent it.

The Great Charity is ready to sail to the Sound, but I must borrow men to get her out. Particulars of ships.

P.S.—I have borrowed 415*l.* of Mr. Talbot to carry on the service, and ordered the amount to be paid into the Treasury out of my own money. [1½ *pages.*]

April 27. **61.** Petition of Thos. Clerke to the Protector. I hold a lease from William, late Marquis of Winchester, granted 41 Eliz., for 41 years from 1636, of Itchin Abbas Farm, co. Hants. The lease was proved by the surveyors, and returned by them to Drury House, and my claim was put in to the Commissioners for Obstructions, within the time limited; but the surveyors saying that their view and return was a sufficient allowance, I did not procure one from that Committee. They say that they should have allowed my title on a report from counsel, had they not been precluded by the time for hearing causes. I therefore beg you to authorize them to allow it, and to direct the Trustees for sale of forfeited Lands not to sell the said farm. With reference thereon, signed by the Protector, to Council, who referred it, 27 Feb. 1654–5, to counsel-at-law, and report of Attorney-General Prideaux in favour of the petition, requesting that the Commissioners for Obstructions may decide the case, although the time appointed, 16 June 1653, is elapsed. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

61. I. *Like petition of Clerke to Parliament, with reference,* 15 *Jan.* 1654–5, *to a Committee; the Trustees meanwhile not to sell the farm.* [1 *page.*]

61. II. *Order in the Committee for Obstructions on his petition, referring the case to counsel-at-law.* 30 *Oct.* 1651. [1 *page.*]

61. III. *Report thereon by Rich. Graves, certifying the lease, but submitting whether the case can now be heard, or whether the Marquis had power to make such a lease in reversion.* [3 *pages, copy.*]

61. IV. *Order thereon in the Committee for Obstructions, that Clerke has a right to the said farm, part of the possessions of John, Marquis of Winchester, delinquent, and that they would have allowed it, had they not been precluded by the limitation of time for hearing causes.* 7 *Dec.* 1654. [1 *page, copy.*]

April 27. **62.** Reference thereon by Council to Wolsley and Jones, who are to speak with the Drury House Trustees and the Surveyor-General, and report. [½ *page. Also I.* 76, *p.* 49.]

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2. To advise payment to Lord Hen. Cromwell, Major-General of the forces in Ireland, of 1,000*l.* for his accomodation in going over to attend the said service. Reduced by the Protector to 500*l.*, and approved 3 May.

3. The order of 5 Feb. 1654–5, about Lieut. Rich. Palmer's pension, referred to Montague, Sydenham, and Jones, to enquire how it may best be paid, and report.

5. The petition of Rice Vaughan, Esq., of Gray's Inn, referred to the Commissioners for sequestered Estates, to examine the delinquency of John Edisbury on the articles annexed, and report.

7. The report of the Committee on the petition of the alum and copperas makers to be recommitted for consideration of the 2nd clause, and Fiennes, Jones, and Wolsley added to the Committee. *Annexing,*

63. I. *Report alluded to:—*1. *That as most other commodities in England pay excise, this should not be exempt, nor yet payment settled on the buyer and not the maker;* 2, *that on export the excise should be repaid, as done in other goods, or else double duties would be charged;* 3, *that the imposition on coals should be considered.* [1½ *pages.*]

63. II. *Draft of the report corrected.* [1½ *pages.*]

13, 14. **64.** Order adopting the report on the petition of Col. Simon Thelwall [*see* 25 *Jan.* 1654–5], that—as 1,000*l.* was deposited in the hands of Col. Geo. Twisleton, to defray the quarters of Col. Venables' foot regiment, in cos. Salop, Flint, Denbigh, Merioneth,

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and Montgomery, of which he has paid 100*l.*, and spent much in riding charges to distribute the rest, but could not be freed therefrom; and as the persons chiefly interested find that the distribution would be unsatisfactory and unexpected, and therefore recommend that it should be paid towards Col. Thelwall's arrears;—Col. Twisleton pay to him the balance in his hands, and be thereby discharged from any account therefor to his Highness and the Commonwealth, and that Thelwall be not accountable to the inhabitants, but retain it to his own use. Approved 3 May. [¾ *page. Also I.* 76, *pp.* 48–50.] *Annexing,*

64. I. *Report alluded to, naming that in the opinion of Counsel the money could not be disposed of without consent of the inhabitants, and therefore Thelwall has procured it.* [¾ *sheet.*]

64. II. *Instrument by the inhabitants of the said counties alluded to, certifying their consent that the money be so appropriated.* 124 *signatures.* [*Parchment,* 1 *sheet.*]

April ? **65.** A. Granger to Col. Clarke. I have often begged your opinion as to my putting in bail according to his Highness's orders; but amidst weightier affairs, mine has been overlooked. My time of affliction is tedious and long, made heavier by the inconveniences of a prison like this, in which the wants of myself, wife, and family are best known to God and the sufferers. Pray preserve us from ruin, and let my bail be accepted, according to his Highness's order of 28 March last, I being then as much a prisoner as now. The rest who were obstinate in their denials are long since under bail. I only have been ingenuous to a tittle, and have been my own accuser. [1 *page.*]

April ? **66.** Abstract of a report of the Navy Commissioners to his Highness and Council on naval affairs. States that their report made last October shows that the navy stood charged with a vast debt for the wages of seamen and provisions, and that almost all the money since received has been applied in payment of General Blake's fleet, and the other part of the debt has remained unpaid, and is now augmented by other debts for necessary supplies. That the provisions expended for setting forth the West India ships and the present fleet have already so exhausted the stores that there is little remaining to complete the fleet, or to answer other emergencies, and that by failures in former contracts, the State's credit is so far weakened, that without ready money, the stores cannot be supplied or renewed, as the necessity of the present service and other grand concernments of the public call for. [½ *page.*]

May 1. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Montague's draft of a warrant dormant to the Treasury Commissioners read, and committed to Lambert, Mulgrave, Wolsley, Jones, Montague, Sydenham, Rous, and Fiennes, to consider the papers prepared by the Treasury Commissioners touching fees and salaries of officers of the Exchequer, and to report.

2. As the naming and settling attorneys in the Court of Chancery, and the disposing of the records in such manner as directed by the Ordinance for regulating Chancery, have been omitted by those entrusted therewith, and as great delay of justice would arise if the proceedings in Chancery should be suspended till their settlement, the Commissioners for the Great Seal and the Master of the Rolls are to proceed in the business of the Court notwithstanding, acting in all other things according to the directions of the Ordinance.

4. Commissary Gen. Whalley, the Lieutenant of the Tower, Cols. Goffe and Twistleton, Lieut.-Cols. Worsley and White, and Maj. Packer, to consider 2 papers touching several accounts of Lieut.-Col. Wroth Rogers and Capt. John Nicholas, concerning some horse, foot, and dragoons raised by them according to order in the late rebellion, and to report.

5. **1.** The Admiralty Commissioners to issue their warrant to the Ordnance officers, to deliver to Lieut.-Col. Worsley a barrel of powder, with bullet and match, monthly, for the Protector's own regiment of foot; also 10 barrels of powder to be kept in store at St. James's for the said regiment. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 52–3.]

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Plymouth.

2. Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Robt. Blackborne. The Nightingale and Bryer came in, the latter having convoyed the money for Scilly. The Great Charity wanting men, I have taken a few from the Assistance, Bryer, and Fagon, at which the captains grumble. The providing of men and money to carry on the work is more trouble than all besides. I send a certificate by Capt. Leo. Harris and two others, of the continual absence on shore of Hen. Goss, the master of the Great Charity; I have replaced him by a young man of Plymouth, named Tancock, who has had some experience in the West Indies. The lead is taken out of one of the Dutch vessels, and she has gone, but I have no order about the oil and soap in the other, and Ald. Hill has gone to London. The ship bound for Guinea had meal, iron, brown paper, and some linen, which the sailors who captured her took. The provisions in the ships bound for Newfoundland grow worse, and the charge increases.

The Welcome, with saltpetre, silk, &c., from the East Indies, waits a convoy. The Assistance has sent in the Hoy, which has little but ballast. I have ordered the frigates abroad to keep together, the better to encounter several Frenchmen coming from St. Malo, some of which are very rich, and to bestir themselves to find the Brest men-of-war. I wish another frigate or two were at Plymouth, one of which might be Beach's. I cannot hear of any of the

Barbadoes ships having been taken, so I hope the rumour is not true. [2¾ *pages.*] *Enclosing,*

2. I. *Certificate by Capt. Harris alluded to,* 1 *May* 1655. [¾ *page.*]

[May 2.] **3.** Petition of magistrates, officers, and freemen of Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey, to the Protector. Our town is governed by 2 bailiffs, several masters and peers, and 15 head boroughs. These last nominate 4 persons for bailiffs, and the master and peers choose 2 of them, and all the other yearly officers. In August 1654, a tumultuous assembly met in the Guildhall, and in spite of orders to the contrary, sat as a court of common council, censured the bailiffs for their choice of an attorney, and discharged them from bearing office. These parties, being called to account for their misdemeanours, refused an accommodation, on which 6 of them, 3 being head boroughs, were discharged. These, and another discharged for buying stolen goods, have sued out writs of restitution in the Upper Bench, which referred the case to Sir Rich. Onslow and Col. Rob. Wood, who agreed on an award; but the other party, after consenting to it at first, fell off from it. We have chosen other head boroughs, but have tendered restitution to the remainder, on acknowledgment of their miscarriage; yet they are engaging in law suits, which will ruin many on both sides. We beg a reference, to accomodate the differences. [1 *sheet.*]

[May 2.] **4.** Abstract of the above petition. [1 *page.*]

May 2. Reference thereon by Council to Strickland and Jones, to hear both parties, and compose these differences, and also those between Col. Wood and Mr. Gulston if they can, and to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 53.]

[May 2.] **5.** Col. Alex. Blake to Col. Goffe. On his Highness's letter and commission for raising a party of horse to secure these parts, I listed divers honest persons who brought their own horses and arms, and after attending 8 days, I promised payment to 30 as long as they remained. After 6 days I had yours, giving me the enemy's route, and telling me to discharge the soldiers, which I did, but I am engaged for 14 days' pay for the officers sent to get the men, which was troublesome and expensive, and 5 for 30 troopers. I kept them, that in this disaffected corner, honest men might have a head to repair to if danger approached, and also because there were persons enlisting horses and men at Oundle, and promising 14 days' pay. Peterborough 12 April 1655. With calculation of the sum due, 33*l.* 9*s.* 0*d.*; reference thereon by the Protector to Commissary-General Whalley and the Committee of officers, to report to Council, 26 April 1655, and their report, April 30, that Blake drew his troop to Stamford fair, during the late danger, to prevent the gathering of ill minded people, and should have the sum paid from the 500*l.* received by them from Contingencies of Council. [2 *pages.*]

May 2. Order thereon in Council for payment accordingly. [*I.* 76, *p.* 53.]

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May 2. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. **6.** The Admiralty Committee to have a badge provided for Thos. Redriffe, one of his Highness's watermen. [*I.* 76, *p.* 53.]

May 2. Plymouth. **7.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Gen. Jno. Desborow, Suffolk House. I send a packet of letters by Jno. Bugby, who has come from Barbadoes, brought in by Capt. Collins, of the Malaga merchant, directed to his Highness, the Admiralty Commissioners, Secretary Thurloe, yourself, and others. Let Bugby have speedy access to his Highness with his intelligence. [1 *page.*]

May 3. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Approval by the Protector of 7 orders, 18–27 April.

2. Note that "the orders of this day are all entered in the private book." [*I.* 76, *p.* 54.]

May 3. **8.** John Rushworth to Wm. Jessop. I am going to Essex to meet the Warden of New College about a lease of some concern to me, or I would have attended on Col. Rob. Thorpe's business [*See* 15 *Feb.* 1655], but my partner, Edw. Greene, can tell as much as I can. We have no advantage thereby, but great trouble and vexation, only we try to see the public and his creditors satisfied, and to get our discharge for our own security. Greene has laid out thousands in this business. [1 *page.*]

May 4. **9.** Petition of Frances, widow of Sir Wm. Fairfax, to the Protector and Council. My husband lost his life in the service in 1644, at the relief of Montgomery Castle, without making a will to provide for his younger children, so that they are cast upon my small jointure, and there are many debts to pay.

On the news of his death, Parliament sent Sir Thos. Widdrington, M.P., to condole with me on the Commonwealth's loss as well as my own, assured me that I and my children should be provided for, and ordered me 1,500*l.*, which in some years I received, but had to pay it to creditors who had furnished my husband with money, arms, &c., for the service. Since then I have received nothing towards his arrears of 4,000*l.*, but have been passive whilst matters of so great concern were in hand.

I beg the arrears out of discoveries to be made by me of persons who have many thousands in their hands belonging to the State, and authority to the Treasury Commissioners to direct the Barons [of Exchequer] to bring the said persons to account. With reference to Council, 22 March 1654–5. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

9. I. *The Sub-Committee of Accounts for co. York to the Committee for taking the accounts of the Kingdom. We have examined the accounts of Sir Wm. Fairfax, Major-General of horse under Ferdinando, Lord Fairfax, Lord-General of the North, and enclose them, as taken on oath before us. Wakefield,* 4 *April* 1649. *Signed by Thomas, Lord Fairfax, and* 3 *others.* [⅔ *page.*]

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9. II. *Certificate by the said Sub-Committee that on the account as given of Sir W. Fairfax, there remains due to him 4,677l. 9s. 0d., but they do not know whether he has received anything in horses, arms, or free quarter. 4 April* 1649. *Signed by Fairfax, and* 3 *others.* [1 *sheet.*]

9. III. *Order at the Northern Committee that the* 3 *younger children of Sir Wm. Fairfax have* 2,000*l. out of the estates of delinquents put to sale in the Additional Act, in full of all engagements of Parliament to Lady Fairfax and her children, and of all demands for arrears and disbursements of Sir William. Mr. Strickland to report this to Parliament. Signed, Jas. Chaloner,* 8 *June* 1652. [½ *page.*]

May 4. Whitehall. **10.** Reference of Lady Fairfax's petition to Lambert, Mulgrave, and Fiennes, to report. [2½ *page. Also, I.* 76, *p.* 56.]

May 4. Whitehall. Proclamation enforcing the order of 28 Hen. VIII., empowering the Lord Chancellor, Lord President of the Council, Lord Privy Seal, and the 2 Lords Chief Justices, to set prices on all kinds of wines, his Highness noting that for want thereof, the prices have lately risen excessively; the persons authorized by the said statute are to prize the wines, and all mayors, bailiffs, justices of peace, &c., to take care to prevent abuses about the sale of wines. [*I.* 76*A*, *p.* 88; *I.* 76, *p.* 57.]

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1. Strickland to direct the entertainment of the Marquis de Lede, ambassador from Spain, and take order with Fleming to prepare Sir Abr. Williams' house for him.

2. Nich. Bond to be steward to order his diet while he is at the State's charge.

3. He is to be allowed 50 dishes for the 1st and 2nd course, and 30 dishes of fruit and sweetmeats at each meal; also to have a convenient allowance for the table of his attendants, and he is to be entertained for 7 meals.

5–7. Bond to provide plate for his entertainment; six of the Council's messengers to attend him and wait at table; and Strickland and Montague to receive and conduct him to his lodgings.

8. To advise a warrant to pay Frost 6,000*l.* for the Council's Contingencies.

9. Frost to exhibit to Council a list of all the warrants directed to him for payments out of Council's Contingencies, not already satisfied.

10. The petition of the governor and company of merchants trading to Russia referred to Mulgrave, Montague, Lambert, and Strickland, to report.

16. Order that, as no payment has been made to Lieut. Rich. Palmer on the former order [*see* 5 *Feb.* 1655], his Highness be

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requested to issue a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay him the arrears of his pension of 40*s.* a week, and the said pension quarterly; Scobell and Jessop to certify the arrears. *Annexing,*

11. I. *Certificate by Capt. Thos. Fauconberg that the* 40*s. a week was paid for* 17 *weeks, ending* 5 *April* 1654. 8 *Feb.* 1654–5. [⅔ *page.*]

11. II. *Certificate, that up to the present time, the arrears amount to* 112*l.* 7 *May* 1655. [½ *page.*]

17. Order on a letter to the President of Council from Lords Commissioners Whitelock and Widdrington, and Lenthall, Master of the Rolls, of May 1, that the Committee formerly named to speak with the Great Seal Commissioners enquire whether they do proceed upon the Ordinance for better regulation of the High Court of Chancery, and report. *Annexing,*

11. I. *B. Whitelock, Sir Th. Widdrington, and Wm. Lenthall to the President. We cannot, in judgment and conscience, feel free to proceed on the Ordinance touching Chancery, though we are very unhappy not to satisfy his Highness.* 1 *May* 1655. [*I.* 76, *p.* 57.]

20–2. To advise his Highness that 9 be the number of the Council in Scotland, and that Gen. Geo. Monk, Lord Broghill, Chas. Howard, Wm. Lockhart, John Swinton, Adrian Scrope, Sam. Desborow, Nath. Whetham, and [Thos.] Cooper be the Council, and Emanuel Downing their clerk.

25. Order on report from the Committee on the Dutch ambassador's papers, concerning the Hope of Rotterdam, that—as it appears by a decree in the Admiralty Court that, 3,000*l.* bail is given in that Court, for abiding by the orders of the Court touching the said ship and her lading (she being taken and brought to Portsmouth by Capt. Gethings),—she be suffered by the Prize Commissioners to proceed on her intended voyage to Newfoundland.

26. To advise that John Clarke and Thos. Kelsey be added to the number of Admiralty Judges, and commissioned accordingly. Approved 4 May.

27. Order on report on the petition of Roger Hall, and his servant, Gilbert West [*see* 13 *April* 1655],—that 24*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.* is due to Hall beyond what he has received, but that the only proof of the servant's money being unpaid is that the ticket is not taken in—ordering the payment of the 24*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.* only, Council not being satisfied as to the 7*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.* claimed. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 55–8.] *Annexing,*

12. I. *Report alluded to, signed by Edw. Whalley, Ph. Willeton, and Fras. White.* [1 *page.*]

May 6. Fairfax, Downs. **13.** Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson to the Admiralty Commissioners. I send a list of the masters and boats of Calais for which the Governor desires liberty to fish, and beg instructions, the season for mackerel having commenced. I hear from Mr. White, of Dover, that the Spanish and French men-of-war upon their coasts suffer the fishermen of each nation to fish freely, though the war between them has lasted so long.

Capt. Mackey, of the Yarmouth, chased a pirate pretending a commission from Charles Stuart, and having driven her into shore, sent two boats under charge of his lieutenant to her; but she fought with them, killed his midshipman and 3 men, and wounded 6 others, so they were forced to retreat; the Reserve also chased 2 shallops near the Foreland, but lost them. I sent a ketch to protect the fishermen off the Foreland; I want 2 others, one belonging to Mr. White, and one to Mr. Berry of Barking, for the same purpose. On the 2nd I sent the Elizabeth to compel a Dutchman off the Goodwin Sands to strike his flag to ours, but he was very obstinate, and refused until fired at, though on slender excuses. Shall I send to Dover for more victuals for the Fairfax?

I have ordered the Yarmouth to transport Francis, Lord Russell, Wm. Russell, and Lord and Lady Strangford, with their retinue and baggage, for Dieppe. [2 *pages.*]

May 8. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order,—on report of the Admiralty Commissioners of a request from the Governor of Calais to the Commander-in-chief in the Downs, that certain fishing vessels of Calais may have protection to fish on this coast in this season, the names of the vessels and their masters being annexed;—to advise a grant of the licence as desired. Approved 8 May.

2, 3. Order on Col. Fiennes' report from the Committee to speak with the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal, that the Master of the Rolls attend Council to-morrow morning.

4. **14.** Order,—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners upon a certificate from the Prize Goods' Commissioners, that they have landed out of a prize ship at Plymouth 200 tuns of French wines, which are so decayed that they will only fetch 3*l.* 10*s.* a tun, whereas 6*l.* a tun are demanded for customs and excise;—that the Prize Goods' Commissioners sell the wines to the best advantage they can, without entering them at the Custom House or Excise Office, which the officers of the above are to allow.

5. Order that, whereas on 4 April last, 210*l.*, part of 810*l.* was to be remitted to Isaac Preston and other merchants of Great Yarmouth, 310*l.* be remitted instead of 210*l.*, and on payment of the residue, his bonds be delivered up to be cancelled.

6. Order that Lambert, Rous, and Desborow speak with Col. Dove, High Sheriff of co. Wilts, about the matter debated as to a reprieve for John Lucas, engaged in the late rebellion, and sentenced to death at Salisbury. *Annexing,*

15. i. *Request by Rich. Phelps, Mayor, and several well affected inhabitants of New Sarum, to Col. John Dove, to suspend the execution of, and obtain a reprieve for John Lucas,*

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who was the instrument of preserving Dove's life, and has behaved with candour and piety, and is as fit an object of clemency as any engaged in that rebellion. 63 *signatures.* [1 *sheet.*]

9. The Commissioners for Prize Goods to sell the Maria of Copenhagen, and 5 other ships belonging to subjects of the King of Denmark, seized in English ports in 1652 with all their goods, because of the seizure of English ships in the territories of the King of Denmark. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 60–2.]

May 9. **16.** Petition of Wm. Beck, shipwright of Stepney, to the Protector and Council, for discharge from imprisonment, on security not to act prejudicially. Having been drinking at several houses, is said to have uttered scandalous and reproachful words of his Highness; must have been mad or drunk if he did, having long faithfully served the State; and his wife and 3 children will be utterly ruined by his remaining in custody. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

16. I. *Certificate of John Waterton and Hill. Mellish, justices of peace for Middlesex, that Beck subscribed the engagement to be faithful to the Commonwealth without King or House of Lords.* 19 *Jan.* 1652–3. [⅔ *page.*]

16. II. *Certificate of John Waterton, Wm. Kiffen, and Wm. Warren, to Beck's good affection and ability to perform what he undertakes.* 1 *July* 1653. *Noted with an order for a warrant to the Lieutenant of the Amity.* [⅔ *page.*]

16. III. *Writ by John Waterton to the Keeper of Newgate, to receive Wm. Beck, of Prusen's Island, Stepney, prisoner, for words spoken against the Protector.* 9 *March* 1654–5. [¾ *page, copy.*]

16. IV. *Certificate by John Waterton, John Moore, and Eph. Williams, that on* 8 *March* 1654–5, *Beck said he hated the Lord Protector, for he had forsworn himself. At Newmarket he held up his hand to God, and vowed to maintain the right of the people without King or House of Lords, and now he has got the power into his own hands, he punishes the godly and lets the wicked go free, for there are better men now in prison than out of it, and this he would tell him to his face.* 24 *March* 1654–5. *With order at the quarter sessions for Middlesex,* 23 *April* 1655, *that Col. Grosvenor and Lieut.-Col Worsley attend Council to receive their directions thereon.* [1 *page.*]

May 9. Order in Council on the case, that as Beck has been some time committed, he be released by the keeper of the new prison [Newgate], on certificate that he has given security with 2 sureties to Col. Barkstead, to do nothing to the prejudice of the present Government. [*I.* 76, *p.* 63.]

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May 9. Note of a petition referred to the Committee for Petitions, of John Blackwell, jun., for consideration of his case, there being scruples in Ireland about the lands settled on him by Ordinance, and a letter written by his Highness thereon. Referred by Council to Fiennes, Strickland, Lisle, Sydenham, and Desborow. [*I.* 92, *No.* 351. *I.* 76, *p.* 65.]

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2. **17.** The petition of Abr. Pitts, merchant of Lyme, and the freighters of the Diamond,—laden at Rotterdam with pitch, tar, and deal, for France, forced into Lyme by the late embargo in France, and by a Council Order of 12 April last allowed to pass out of Lyme;—referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report speedily. *Annexing,*

17. I. *Edm. Harvey to Gen. Desborow. I return the petition and papers of Abr. Pitts, merchant of Lyme; what is asked for is against law, and the goods in the Diamond are prohibited to be exported by the Act for Navigation; but if the ship is leaky and unfit for her voyage, she ought to be permitted to unload her goods into some other vessel, to be transported without confiscation. This, if referred to the Customs' Commissioners, could be ordered without trouble. Custom House, London,* 12 *May* 1655. [1 *page.*]

3. The petition of John Wiseman for stay of the sale of his lands till next Parliament,—because although, as delinquents' lands, they were ordered by a former Parliament to be sold for the navy's use, yet by another order the sale was to be forborne, and a bill brought in for their discharge,—referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to examine and report; meanwhile the sale is to be forborne.

5. Order on report from the Committee on Rob. King's petition, that the Lord Deputy and Council in Ireland examine the reality of the debt, and whether Sir Geo. Ratcliffe's lands be liable to the payment; if so, then examine how much of the debt is paid; and that they be authorised to settle on the petitioner and John Harrison a proportion of land for satisfaction of the debt. Approved 16 May.

9. **18.** To allow Major Rob. Sedgwick a salary of 15*s.* a day, whilst in the public service in New England against the French. The Navy Commissioners to issue a warrant. Approved 16 May.

10. Lieut.-Col. John Clarke and Col. Thos. Kelsey having long attended as Admiralty Commissioners without compensation, 300*l.* is to be allowed to each for service till 25 March last, and 400*l.* a year each in future, to be paid by the Navy Treasurer on warrants from the Admiralty Commissioners. Approved 16 May.

11. Order on Fiennes' report from the Committee on salaries for the Commissioners for Probate of Wills, that for the last half year, there be paid to Rich. Lucy, Thos. Manby, and John Hildesley 150*l.* each. Approved 16 May.

13. The petitions of Sir Sigismund Zinzan, *alias* Alexander, and of Sir David Hasteville, to be considered to-morrow.

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14. Note that the Master of the Rolls attended Council to-day as ordered.

15. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on the petition of Rich. Forbench, postmaster of Southwark, and the postmasters of the Kentish Road, between London, Deal, and Dover,—that 15*s.* 6*d.* a day was allowed the said postmasters by the late Navy Committee for carrying the State's packets, and during the Dutch war 15*s.* 6*d.* a day more, which was continued till midsummer 1653; then Capt. Manley taking the farm of the letter office, it was thought he should defray the charge; but he said he derived no profit from the office till Michaelmas 1654, therefore it was unpaid 1¼ years; and they think that 15*s.* 6*d.* a day should be paid by Manley, and allowed as a defalcation out of his midsummer payment;—that Manley be authorized to pay to the said postmasters 358*l.* 1*s.* 0*d.* salary, which shall be so defalked to him. Approved 16 May. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 62–66.] *Annexing,*

19 . I. *Report of the Admiralty Commissioners alluded to,* 7 *May* 1655. [1 *page.*]

May 9. **20.** Certificate by Barth. Beale, auditor, that he finds by the account of Sir Jno. Heydon, lieutenant of the ordnance, that 200*l.* a year was granted by the King and paid for two years, ending 30 June 1638, viz.:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Fras. Coningsby, Ordnance Surveyor, for his allowance due for 2 years, ending 30 June 1638. - - -	82	4	3
– Edw. Sherburne, Ordnance Clerk do. -	82	4	3
– Rich. March, Keeper of the Stores -	82	4	3
– Geo. Clarke, Clerk of the Deliveries -	35	13	0
– Howard Strachey and Edw. Stephens, clerks to Sir Jno. Heydon - -	82	4	3
– Andrew Bassano, clerk to Mr. Sherburne -	40	0	0
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May 10. Note of a petition referred to the Committee for Petitions, of Margaret, widow of Edw. Rood, minister, for payment from the Exchequer of 15*s.* a week ordered her from Haberdashers' Hall. Her husband suffered much under the bishops, and her charge is great. Order in Council accordingly. Approved 16 May. [*I.* 92, *No.* 347; *I.* 76, *pp.* 68, 77.]

May 10. Like note of a petition of Susan Bowen for 20*l.* more; was ordered from 20*l.* to 40*l.*, 5 April 1654, from the Ely House Commissioners, but has only received 20*l.* Order in Council for 10*l.* more. Approved 16 May. [*I.* 92, *No.* 350; *I.* 76, *pp.* 68, 77.]

May 10. **21.** Memorial of the officers of arms to "your Honours," Commissioners appointed by Parliament for Heralds. By our charters, we are to collect and register the matches, issues, times of death, and arms of the nobility and gentry, and by Patent of 15 James, the executors of all who die are to bring in certificates and pay fees. But as it is doubted that these orders are not binding in law, and as the Court of Wards, whereby the descents of a great part of the gentry were preserved, is taken away, we beg power to require the executors to bring in these certificates and pay their fees, whereby in a few years the arms, matches, and issue of all the families in England would be brought in, and controversies avoided.

Also painters now paint arms and make escutcheons for funerals, without repairing to our office, so that many errors are committed. We beg that this may be forbidden, and that the painters may first come to us, according to ancient usage.

Also solemn funerals, and the use of pennons, standards, and hatchments in churches and chapels, were only granted by our allowance for persons of eminence; they are now privately made and put up for persons of small worth. We beg that this may be forbidden, and the offenders punished.

As some coercive power will be required, we beg you to appoint certain court days, to be kept by yourselves or your lieutenant, to hear complaints, and to make this court a Court of Record. [6 *sheets. Endorsed with note that the fees on creations of noblemen and knights, consecrations of bishops, &c., were at least* 500*l. a year.*]

May 10. Order in Council referring the case to Wolsley, Lambert, Fiennes, Jones, and Mulgrave, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 69.]

May 10. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The order made on March 30, 1655, touching Lord Broghill, read, an addition made, and on the question, passed as amended; *viz.*, to advise that 3,000*l.* be given to Lord Broghill for lands in Ireland to be set out for his arrears, and his Highness's Counsel-at-law to see an assurance drawn up.

2. Order on report on the petition of Thos. Clerke,—[*See* 27 *April* 1655], touching a lease claimed by him, which the Commissioners for removing Obstructions cannot allow, because the time for claim limited by the late Council of State is lapsed,—that the said Commissioners determine the same according to Acts of Parliament, the said order notwithstanding. Approved 16 May. *Annexing,*

22. i. *Report on which the said order is founded.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

4. John Hobson having come up as summoned, to answer for apprehending Rob. Massey and Thomas and Israel Cave on their way to a religious exercise, and committing them to prison, Fiennes, Wolsley, Mulgrave, and Jones, are to peruse the papers, examine the fact, send for witnesses, and report.

5. Order on Fiennes' report from the Committee on Sir Sigismund Zinzan's petition, to advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay him 20*s.* a week. Approved 16 May.

6. Order on Sir David Hasteville's petition, to advise a warrant to pay him the 10*s.* a week formerly paid out of Goldsmiths' Hall, with arrears from Jan. 10, 1654–5. Approved 16 May.

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8. To advise a warrant to pay the Earl of Worcester the 3*l.* a week formerly charged on Goldsmiths' Hall, with arrears from Jan. 8, 1654–5. Approved 16 May.

10. Fiennes, Wolsley, and Desborow added to the Committee on the petition of several magistrates, &c., of Kingston-on-Thames, to perform the matter contained in the reference.

12. The petition of John Boys, of Old Beck, in the Parish of Mudford, co. Somerset, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

13. The report of Dr. Clarke, one of the Admiralty Judges, about 3 Dutch ships taken by privateers, *viz.*, the Peter of Flushing, Blue Pigeon of Amsterdam, and the Oaken Tree, referred to Wolsley, Desborow, Jones, and Strickland, to report.

14. **23.** Order on Fiennes' report from the Committee on the petition of the makers of alum and copperas, that the same Committee reconsider how the said 2nd Article may be put in execution without prejudice to the Ordinance for Excise, and report.

15. Desborow, Jones, Fiennes, and Mulgrave to prepare the draft of an order for the next 6 months' assessment, and to bring it in next Wednesday; Jones to take care thereof.

17. Desborow, Sydenham, Montague, Strickland, Wolsley, and Jones to be a Committee to take cognizance of all matters referring to the 4th part of the pay of the officers and soldiers enlisted under Gen. Venables, ordered on Nov. 30 last to be paid to their assignees every 4 months, and to give orders as required. Approved 16 May.

18. Jeremiah [or Robert] Bowes, Fras. Hodges, and Rich. Creed, to examine the muster rolls of those officers and soldiers, and read all letters of attorney and assignments authorising receipt of their pay in their absence, and to settle all matters of pay, as the Committee of Council shall charge them. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 67–70.]

May 11. **24.** Petition of the Serjeant-at-arms' deputies to Council, that their salaries may be made equal to those of the rest of the messengers attending Council. His Highness, Council, and Sec. Thurloe know their faithfulness and alacrity in executing warrants and riding post journeys, yet some in their condition have 5*s.* a day, whilst they have only 10 groats. [½ *page*; *also I.* 92, No. 352.]

May 11. Order thereon granting them 5*s.* a day. Approved 16 May. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 70, 77.]

May 11. **25.** Petition of the messengers and serjeants' deputies attending Council to Council, for warrants for payment of their bills which are now passed. Have carried dispatches 9 months, and had to borrow money, having to take post journeys chiefly. [1 *page.*]

[May 11.] **26.** Petition of Sir Edw. Dendy to Council, for an order for payment of his account, or an examination of its justness. Spent 100*l.* 9*s.* 0*d.* for salaries to deputies, and for prisoners, during the time of the late Council of State, and the bill was presented with the other bills of messengers; but whilst theirs were allowed, his was deferred, and though allowed afterwards, the Parliament and Council of State were dissolved before a warrant for payment was issued. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

26. I. *Bill of E. Dendy, Serjeant-at-arms attending Council, for* 100*l.* 9*s.* 0*d.*; *with note of persons who will attest its justice. Also, note by Ri. Tomlyns of depositions to the truth of the account,* 16 *May* 1655. [1 *page.*]

May 11. Order on Mr. Jessop's report on the bills of Dendy, the messengers, serjeants' deputies, and Rich. Scutt, Usher of the Council Chamber, that Gen. Desborow and Col. Sydenham consider the 2 first sums named, viz., 106*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.* and 100*l.* 9*s.* 0*d.*, speak with Serjeant Dendy, and report; and that 308*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.* named in the report as the total of the riding charges of messengers, 487*l.* 1*s.* 5*d.* bills of the serjeants' deputies for riding charges and expenses of prisoners, and 145*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.* Scutt's bill for fire, candles, &c., be paid from Council's Contingencies. Approved 16 May. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 70, 77.]

May 11. **27.** Petition of the gentleman porter, yeomen warders, and others of the Tower, to the Protector and Council, to order present payment of warrants granted them for money due in Col. West's time, they being chiefly poor men, and unable to subsist without it. With reference, 7 Aug. 1654, to Council. [1 *sheet damaged.*] *Annexing,*

27. I. *Warrant to Receiver-Gen. Fauconberg to pay Col. John Barkstead* 1,004*l.* 15*s.* 8½*d. for the wages of the gentleman porter, and yeomen warders, diet and charge of the preacher, physician, and apothecary, and for firing, &c., for* ¾ *year, ending* 24 *June* 1652. 10 *March* 1652–3. [*Copy* 1 *page.*]

27. II. *Like warrant for* 593*l.* 9*s.* 1*d. for the* ½ *year ending* 29 *Sept.* 1651. 14 *June* 1653. [*Copy* 1 *page.*]

May 11. Reference by Council thereon to the Treasury Commissioners, to certify. [*I.* 76, *p.* 73.]

28. I. *Report by the said Commissioners, that by the said orders* 1,598*l.* 4*s.* 9½*d. is due to the petitioners, and no part yet paid.* 21 *Aug.* 1655. [¾ *page damaged.*]

May ? **29.** Petition of the yeomen warders of the Tower to the Protector. The Revenue Commissioners have issued 2 orders for our payment, but Mr. Falconbridge says he cannot pay them, because of a stop of payments till further order. Beg redress. 25 signatures. [1 *page.*]

May 11. Note of a petition referred to the Committee for Petitions, of Eliz. Alkin, widow, for money for her relief, pleading her services. Order in Council for 20 marks from Mr. Frost, on a certificate from the Committee for removing Obstructions. [*I.* 92, No. 348; *I.* 76, *p.* 73.]

May 11. Council. Day's Proceedings.

6. Order on Owen's bill for paper and other stationery for Council's use from March 4 1653–4 to Dec. 22 1654, being 181*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.*, that Scobell and Jessop examine the prices of the particulars received, try to reduce them to a fit proportion, and report.

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7. The Committee on repair of his Highness's houses to hasten their report.

11. The lodgings in Whitehall, late Maj.-Gen. Skippon's, to be assigned to Scobell, Clerk of Council, and Embree to put him in possession when Skippon vacates.

12. Jenkin Lloyd and Mr. Rawlins to continue in their former lodgings which they were told to quit, as Col. Fiennes has been accommodated elsewhere.

15. Lambert reports the order and declaration for levying excise in Scotland, which was read, the blank filled up thus :—"24th June 1655," and so amended, ordered to be presented to his Highness.

18. Whereas on 3 April last, it was ordered that the levying the profits of the estate of John Pooler, of Hartlebury, co. Worcester, should be forborne, on his giving security in the Exchequer to answer the profits when required, but the amount and the person to whom the security should be given were not named ;—order that the Treasury Commissioners shall give direction therein, and on certificate of the security being so given, the Commissioners for Compounding and their sub-commissioners are to observe the former order. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 70–3.]

19. Order in the case of Dr. John Pordage [*see* 4 *April* 1655]. His Highness having presented Gualter Adams to the rectory, and had him and Pordage before him, could not compose an agreement between them; Adams insisted much on the inconvenience of having the house and glebe made part of the allowance, and offered rather to make up the 80*l.* to 100*l.*; both offered to stand by the determination of Council, who, after hearing the allegations on both sides, decide that Pordage deliver up the parsonage and glebe lands, and have 100*l.* a year from the rectory during their joint lives. [*Last clause added* 22 *May. I.* 55, *p.* 72; *I.* 76, *p.* 84.] *Annexing,*

30. I. *Reasons urged by Gualter Adams why Pordage, who has* 40*l. and a good estate of his own, should not detain the house, obliging him to be a lodger in the town, or to lose his living by non-residence.* [1 *page.*]

30. II. *Reasons by Dr. John Pordage why he should keep the house, Adams being a single person, and he having a wife and many children. Pleads former services as physician to Col. Venn's regiment in Windsor Castle, &c.* [1½ *pages.*]

30. III. *Reference of the case, signed by the Protector, to Council.* [1 *page.*]

May 11. Pres. Lawrence to the Mayor and Aldermen of Lincoln. Council hear from Col. Berry that during the late war, while the Bishop of Lincoln's house lay waste, the Committee, at the request of the minister and inhabitants, caused the pulpit to be removed from the choir to the bishop's late seat for warmth, as the windows had been broken; since then Col. Berry, having purchased the palace and appurtenances of the bishop, wishes to use the seat for his family, and has applied in vain to the magistrates to have the pulpit moved back. Council desires you to see it done, that he may enjoy the seat according to his contract, placing the pulpit where it formerly stood, or in any other place you judge fitting. [*I.* 76, *p.* 72.]

May 11. Inverlochy. **31.** Capt. Edw. Tarleton to the Admiralty Commissioners. In compliance with the enclosed orders, on 29 April I marched 10 miles into the country, with the commanded party, and 40 of my own men, to surprise some delinquents, but they must have had notice, for they were gone. We plundered and fired their houses, and brought away 150 cows and sheep without opposition, save that at a pass 3 miles from the garrison, some Lochaber rogues fired at us and ran.

On the 5th I received 250 men on board, and sailed at night 8 leagues off to Kynnyogh harbour; but our pilot not knowing the coast well, we lost time, and before we could get our men landed next morning, we were discovered by the inhabitants, who gave an alarm through the town and country; but though we could not surprize the rogues, we burnt 40 of their houses, and destroyed all their cattle. Then we re-embarked in our 2 boats. We saw 50 men together who waited, as we thought, to engage the men who were to be shipped last; but finding us more than they were, they durst not attempt to leave their hills until we had put off, when they came down and fired upon us without effect.

The Highlanders have come in very fast lately; between 300 and 400 have taken the engagement, and more are expected to do so. They will all come in under protection of this garrison.

My provisions will last till 4 June, when I hope to be at Dublin. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

31. I. *Order from Edw. Allen to Tarleton to come ashore with* 40 *well accoutred men, and march with a party under Capt. Chas. Collis. Inverlochy,* 29 *April* 1655. [*Scrap.*]

31. II. *Like order to receive the forces sent, land them with* 40 *of his own men, and obey the orders of Capt. Solomon Faith. Inverlochy,* 5 *May* 1655. [*Scrap.*]

May 12. Elizabeth Castle. **32.** Col. Robt. Gibbon to the Admiralty Commissioners. We arrived here safely 1st May. This bay is infested with small pickeroons, so that small vessels can hardly look out without danger; one was taken within 3 or 4 miles of the castle yesterday. Pray send us a man-of-war of 16 or 20 guns, and a small galley, or a good double shallop with 30 or 40 men, or there will be no stirring from this island all summer. There are 2 or 3 small vessels now bound for England, but dare not stir; 6 ships have sailed from St. Malo for St. Lucar with linen, two of which were estimated to be worth 300,000*l.*; each carried 36 guns. We hope some of the State's ships will meet with them before they are out of the Channel.

P.S.—I shall send you a hogshead of cider by the first vessel bound for London. [1 *page.*]

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33. The King to Mr. Carpf. I hear with much grief and compassion of the necessity to which you are reduced. I am very sorry that my present estate does not enable me to assist you; but as soon as it shall please God to grant me the means, I will prove my sense of your kindness and courtesies. [1 *page, copy.*]

May ? **34.** Request of Mrs. Chiffinch for a bill payable in 2 months, for payment of sums disbursed in his Majesty's service, viz.:—

	Guilders.	Stivers.
Debt due at Paris - - -	924	0
Rent of the laundry - -	206	14
Journeys of Thos. Chiffinch, wife, and servant - - -	56	11
Thos. Chiffinch's journey from Cologne to Breda and back - -	91	12

that she may satisfy her creditors, who threaten her with arrest. Also when moneys come in, payment of her board-wages with the other servants. [1 *page.*]

May 12. **35.** Quartermaster Rob. Dillington, *alias* Knockerdown, *alias* Tuntroles, to his "most noble captain [Jos. Williamson]." We are sorry for your fatal defeat, and have set apart a day of public humiliation, yet hope your army is not totally routed, only the horses were houghed by a politic stratagem. Your headpiece foresaw the danger, but your courage in undertaking anything for your friend outbalanced all disasters, relying on your noble commander's maxim, "*Audaces fortuna favet.*" Had your commission permitted you and your forces to pierce the ocean to the isles of the Atlantic, you had avoided that ambush and been highly honoured by your Scanderbeg (?) subjects.

An epitaph on Rosinante fraught with tears,—

"Now lies interred within this cloister
Rosinante that loved an oyster." [1 *page.*]

Indorsed with declaration in royal form. We certify to all Christian people, Turks, Jews, and Presbyters, that Sir Littleman Cockpestle has abundantly proved his courage and fidelity in disputes by himself and with others in many hot encounters in the Low Countries, especially 2 days before he left, when the heat of the charge lay on him, and he carried himself so nobly that the day was his own, several of the enemy's colours being taken, and they all made captives to his noble spirit and deed without losing a man, only he was slightly cut. We stamp the measure of his courage under the standard of our highest approbation. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page, damaged.*]

May 12. **36.** John Ashe and John Carey to President Lawrence. The inhabitants of Maiden Bradley, co. Wilts, and Yearnfield, co. Somerset, say their riots in breaking up enclosures were to preserve their rights, and are willing to remove their cattle, and abide a trial at law with Lord Broghill. His bailiff wished us to defer our reply, till he was assured that this agreement would be observed by all parties. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *sheet.*] *Enclosing,*

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36. I. *Deposition of Peter Daniel, of Merston Biggott, Somerset, aged* 60. *In* 1627 *and* 1628, *the late King gave commissions to several knights and gentlemen to disafforest and enclose the forests of Bruham Roade and Frome, co. Somerset. They had orders published in all the parish churches for claimants on the forests to come in, and they should have justice. The inhabitants of Maiden Bradley and Yearnfield appeared and claimed commons in Merston Biggott, but did not prove their claim. To prevent clamour, another meeting was held at Frome, when they brought Mr. Ford, an ancient steward to Sir Edw. Seymour, lord of Maiden Bradley Manor, who pretended they had deeds and records, but produced none.*

In 1629, *the lands at Merston Biggott were enclosed and settled on Sir John Hippesley, then lord of the manor; many of the inhabitants became his tenants, as did Sir Hen. Ludlow, then lord of Yearnfield Manor. In* 1641 *he sold the lands for* 4000*l. to Lord Broghill, who held them till* 1643, *when, during his absence to suppress rebels in Ireland, rioters destroyed his fences and laid waste the lands, and the inhabitants encouraged them, and would not allow his servants to repair the fences, but put in their cattle, whereby Broghill has sustained* 1,500*l. loss, and his mounds are destroyed. When, on an order of* 28 *Aug.* 1654, *he again had the fences made up,* 12 *inhabitants named of Maiden Bradley broke them down last April, and again put in their cattle.* [1¾ *pages.*]

May ? **37.** Order by Major P. Ceely to Capt. Pearce to pay 100*l.*, viz., to Davy Gross, 50*l.*; Pascoe Edwards, 10*l.*; Mich. Herring, 30*l.* and 10*l.* [*Scrap.*]

May 12. St. Ives. **38.** Major P. Ceely to Mr. Berry. If you order 10*l.* to be paid in London to Thos. Sherwill, at St. Thomas the Apostle's, I will pay it you here. [*Scrap.*]

May 13. St. Ives. **39.** And. Duke to Capt. John Pearce. I have yours of 13 May about my moneys, which you have received, but cannot tell how to get them conveyed to Cornwall. My last, asking you to pay the money to a friend of Major Ceely's, seems to have miscarried. Pray pay it as I direct. If my brother is in London, send him my letter to my cousin Johnson's. Your friends here are expecting you. [1 *page.*]

May 16. **40.** Petition of Watkin Kiffen to the Protector. I was Treasurer to the Monthly Assessments in co. Denbigh in 1651. Lieut.-Col. George Twistleton, Governor of Denbigh Castle, wrote to advise me to secure what money I had in hand in some place of strength, as the Scots' army was approaching, and within a day's march, and their emissaries were come into the country; so I delivered the money to Twistleton.

When I demanded it in Nov. 1651, he refused to restore it; saying he had paid it by your order for disbanding his garrison.

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I applied to the Army Committee, who ordered him to pay it; and on his refusal, in Aug. 1654, they ordered his sequestration.

He then applied to you, and by your order of 26 Sept. last, you superseded the prosecution, and ordered his accounts to be examined; now the Army Committee sequesters me for the 700*l.*, to my undoing. As I only did my duty, I intreat that I may be discharged of the 700*l.*, and Twistleton continue accountable. [1¼ *pages.*]

May 16. **41.** Reference thereon to the Army Committee, to report; in case they find that the petitioner has delivered the 700*l.* out of his hands, they are to see that he has no soldiers quartered on him for non-payment. [⅜ *page. Also I.* 76, *p.* 76.]

May 16. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The draft of an Order for the next 6 months' assessment, from June 24 1655, read the first time, re-committed, and to be brought in the second time to-morrow.

3. Abr. Barrington added to the Committee appointed 3 April, to examine some goods, late parcel of the standing wardrobe at Windsor, under charge of Mr. Thomas.

4. The petition of John Williams referred to Jones, Montague, Mulgrave, and Strickland, to send for and examine whom they please, and report.

6. Lord Herbert to be allowed such letters and papers as he judges necessary, relating to a discovery of the personal estate of the late Earl of Worcester, in the hands of Lady Montague, as there is to be a trial on Friday of matters referring thereto.

8. Order on Desborow's report from the Admiralty Commissioners, that the Prize Goods' Commissioners dispose of the money from the sale of the Three Kings and her lading, and the goods of the St. John of St. Malo, as the Treasury Commissioners shall direct.

11. Approval by the Protector of 21 orders, 9–11 May. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 75–7.]

May 16. Declaration by the Protector for collecting the Excise in Scotland. By the Ordinance for uniting Scotland with England, it is ordained that all taxes and impositions be borne proportionably by the whole people; and by the 27th Article of the instrument of Government, a revenue was to be levied in England and Ireland for maintaining the army and navy, by customs and excise amongst other things. Therefore from 24 June 1655, the rates which are paid in England and Wales are also to be levied through Scotland and the Orkney and Shetland Isles, on numerous articles, and at rates specified. All other goods imported, mentioned in the book of rates, except bullion, corn, victuals, arms, ammunition, ordnance, and wool, are charged 5 per cent., to be paid by the first buyer from the importer. All those not mentioned in the said book, nor in the present rates for excise, are to pay 1s. in the pound. The said rates to be levied by the persons appointed therefor by Acts and Ordinances in force, 2 Sept. 1654. Approved by the Protector, and passed 16 May. [*I.* 76*A*, *pp.* 57–61. *I.* 76, *p.* 77.]

May 17. **42.** Petition of Katherine, widow and administratrix of Col. Simon Needham, slain before Colchester, to the Protector. By order of Parliament of 12 Aug. 1648, my husband's accounts were to be reported by the Army Committee, who in May 1650, wrote to the Commissioners at Worcester House to state them, which has been done, and yet they are not reported. They found from the certificates I showed that he had paid all his quarters, and yet they were bound by the Act to deduct ⅓, being 354*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.* for free quarter; beside this, they report 787*l.* 12*s.* 7*d.* as due.

Since the Long Parliament was dissolved, the Army Committee ordered a report to be presented to you. He has left 4 children, many debts, and nothing but his arrears; I therefore beg that these may be paid in full, or allowed as doubled money on any purchase of forfeited land. With reference, signed by the Protector, to Council, to relieve the petitioner speedily, and meanwhile to allow her 10*l.* a month. 10 May 1655. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

43. I. *Order in the Army Committee stating that the arrears, being for services determining on* 20 *July* 1646, *are not within the particular securities given for soldiers' arrears; yet on account of Mrs. Needham's poverty, and her husband's merits, they advise that* 287*l.* 12*s.* 7*d. be given her at once, and the other* 500*l. secured by bonds from the Worcester House Trustees, on forest or other lands set apart for soldiers' arrears.* 9 *Feb.* 1653–4. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

May 17. Order in Council on her petition that she receive 20 marks a month till paid her husband's arrears. [*I.* 76, *p.* 78.]

May 17. **44.** Petition of several elders and brethren of divers congregations in and about London to the Protector. We know the miserable condition of the Waldenses [in Savoy], who by the tyranny of their Popish governors, after murder of their relatives, are forced to fly into the mountains rather than forsake the truth. This persecution seems entailed on them from their forefathers, and by the Lake of Lucerne they have been as burning lights, bearing their testimony against the innovations of the Man of Sin. Though we are unworthy of our own liberty, and need not to whet you on to the work of love we hear you are resolved on, we beg a speedy course for the precious remnant, and a solemn mourning for their sufferings and our sins. [1 *sheet.*]

May 17. Reference in Council to Mulgrave, Pickering, Rous, and Jones, to consider this petition and the papers of intelligence about the Protestants under the Duke of Savoy, and such other intelligence as shall come to Sec. Thurloe, and to advise what should be done about writing letters, collections, &c., for their relief. [*I*.76, *p.* 78.]

May 17. Order that May 30 be observed in London and Westminster, and June 7 through England, as a day of humiliation in reference to the late sufferings, present condition, and future relief of the said Protestants. [*I.* 76, *p.* 79.]

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May 17. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The horse and foot officers lately come out of Ireland under Col. Sadler and Maj. Redman to be put into the establishment of the Army in England, and paid equally with the forces in England, since they were paid up in Ireland, and the Army Committee to give warrants.

2. To abate, out of the moneys to be transmitted to Ireland for the forces, the pay of those who have just returned.

4. The Treasury Commissioners to consider the paper presented to Council by Col. Sydenham, discovering the transportation of several quantities of gold, and to report.

9. Desborow, Fiennes, Mulgrave, Lisle, and the rest of the Council now present, to be a Committee to examine those giving evidence touching passages in the Court of Upper Bench last Saturday, and to call witnesses and summon them to appear before Council to-morrow morning. Sydenham to take care of it.

10. The same Committee to examine the business of the arresting of Custom House officers, and to report.

11. Also to fully examine the business concerning Customs' officers at Lyme, send for witnesses, and report.

12. Copies to be given to Lord Herbert of such papers only as were annexed to the report from the Committee of Accounts (concerning a discovery of part of the personal estate of the late Earl of Worcester in the hands of Lady Montague), and Lord Montague to have the same privilege if he desire it.

13. Col. Thos. Croxton's foot company raised at Chester April 19 1655, consisting of captain, lieutenant, ensign, 2 serjeants, 3 corporals, drummer, and gentleman-at-arms, and 69 private soldiers, to be added to the army establishment in England, instead of the company lately in Shrewsbury Castle. The Army Committee to issue warrants to the War Treasurers to pay them on their respective musters.

14. Like order for Capt. Geo. Westley's foot company raised at Hull on April 2 1655.

15. To advise payment to Capt. Wm. Thornhill of 100*l.* expended on a journey to Scotland, where he was appointed to a service which was otherwise disposed of. Approved 17 May.

16. To advise payment to Roger Hall of 24*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.* for a shallop employed in Scotland. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 78–80.]

May 17.
St. Frances
Frigate at sea. **45.** Certificate by ——. By virtue of his Majesty's Commission, I have taken the 3 Sisters of Poole, coming from Barbadoes, with 20,000 Muskevadus sugar, and 400 tobacco. I have put in Jas. French, quartermaster, to conduct her to some port of his Majesty's friends or allies, there to procure adjudication. [*Copy made at French's request,* 31 *May* 1655. ½ *page.*]

May 17. **46.** Jno. Timberley to his friend. I want the note I forgot to ask for at the last meeting. My care was so great in acting for your preservation that I would not undertake it again for 500*l.* I am sorry you did not consider of it without my motion, I was never slighted before, but I will meet you at the same place to-morrow. [⅔ page.]

May 17. Hopewell Pink, Portland Road. **47.** Capt. Lambert Cornelius to the Admiralty Commissioners. When near Cherburg on the 3rd inst., I met Chamberlain's ship and chased her, but she got away. While there I heard that the Cornelius of Brest, of 10 guns, and her prize, a ship belonging to London, of 9 guns, laden with Virginia tobacco, bound homewards, were lying at anchor near Cape Barfleur. Plying towards them, I met a small galliot of Dover, fitted as a privateer, and commanded by Derrick Hinderson, so gave him notice of the aforesaid vessels, and desired him to observe my orders, which he agreed to.

On the 5th inst. we came within a league of them, when they both weighed and ran towards shore, and the galliot, being nearer to them than my Pink, manned her boat to fall on board the prize, on which the men left the prize and met the galliot's men in their boat, so that the galliot's men boarded the prize without opposition. Meantime I laboured to secure the man-of-war; her captain, an Irishman, seeing no probability of escape, ran his frigate on shore near the prize, it being then one hour's ebb, and doubting whether the French would not deprive me of both, I ran my Pink between them, whereupon Codd, captain of the man-of-war, and his company took to their boat, and made for the shore. The Pink being aground for 9 or 10 hours, I had divers parleys with some that seemed gentlemen of quality, as also with Capt. Codd, from whom I had both threatening and persuasive arguments, to get again what I resolved not to part with. Seeing my intent, as the water came about the ship, they all approached as near as they could in a friendly manner, and drank healths to the Lord Protector and his Council, and took their leave; the ships floating, we brought them all off, but were forced by contrary winds to remain at Guernsey till the 14th.

This man-of-war was chased not long before by some of our frigates, and to escape, threw 6 of her guns overboard, but she and her prize are now in Weymouth Road, and my Pink in Portland Road; I will sail with the first wind with my prizes for Portsmouth. I am desired by Col. Gibbon to attend at Weymouth, to carry over the soldiers' money for the garrison at Jersey; upon your order I will so do. [1 *page.*]

May 18. Friday. **48.** Statement by Walter Zanchy. I was at the Upper Bench last Saturday when Mr. Cony's business came on. I went out for his Highness' counsel, and when I returned, the room was filled, so that I heard but little. Serjeant Twisden, one of Cony's counsel, excepted against the formal part of the return of the *habeas corpus*, and said the customs were payable by an Ordinance of Parliament of Dec. 1647, whereby, and by subsequent Acts, they were continued to March 1653 only, and the customs are due by no law since. He insisted much on the taking away the Star Chamber, and urged that subjects were not to be imprisoned, nor their goods attached, but in a legal way on trial by jury; he parallelled the late Council Board's orders with that Ordinance whereby the Commissioners for Preser-

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vation of Customs sat. Mr. Attorney-General, in his reply, wondered the serjeant should speak so much against the present authority, being that by which that Court sat, and by which Mr. Cony's expected justice. Serjeant Maynard, also of Cony's counsel, spoke little, but I could not well hear what he or others of Cony's counsel said. [1¾ *pages.*]

May 18. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Col. Sydenham reports from the Committee the examinations touching the passage in the Upper Bench.

2–5. Serjeants Twisden and Maynard, and Wadham Windham attended Council, and were called in one after another, when it was resolved to advise that all three be committed to the Tower, and that his Highness sign the warrant given to the lieutenant for their commitment, for using words tending to sedition, and the subversion of the present Government.

6. The Clerks of Council to cause the report from the Commissioners for Accounts, in a difference between Lords Herbert and Montague, and all the papers annexed, to be sent to Guildhall this afternoon, where trial is to be had about the matter.

7. Lord Chief Justice Rolle to attend Council this afternoon.

9. **49.** The Admiralty Commissioners to employ two 3rd or 4th rate frigates to ply in the Channel instead of the Centurion and Dragon, sent to General Blake. The Mary fly boat to be refitted and set forth for the western expedition, instead of the Mary prize, found unserviceable. Approved 18 May.

10. **50.** The said Commissioners to see that 300 of 1,000 landmen, designed for the western expedition by order of Feb. 24, 1655, be provided for and transported in the merchant ships taken up to carry provisions thither. Approved 18 May.

11. **51.** The said Committee to provide the under-mentioned stores as an additional supply for Gen. Penn's fleet, and to have them put aboard the ships bound westward:—

1,000 musketoons, and 2,000 pair of bandoleers.
1,000 snaphances.
300 pair of pistols with holsters.
6 ton of musket shot, and ½ a ton pistol shot.
6 pair of musket, and 2 pair of pistol moulds.
3 tons of pig, and 2 of sheet lead.
6 tons of match.
1 cwt. of wire of all sorts.

Also tar, awnings, 30 dozen boat oars, 3 months' proportion of nails for the fleet, &c.

The bread rooms to be filled with bread, and the residue of stowage made up with peas. Approved 18 May.

15. Approval by the Protector of 4 orders of this day. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 81–3.]

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Probate Court,
London.

52. Letters of administration to Thomas, son of the late Edw. Ayleworth, of Ayleworth, co. Gloucester, to administer to the estate of his father, who died intestate. [*Parchment, Conway papers.*]

May 18. Augustine, Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes. **53.** Capt. Anth. Archer to the Admiralty Commissioners. After leaving Falmouth, whither I was forced by contrary winds, we sailed 28 March, but lost our consorts in a storm, and sprung our mainmast; on 2 May we arrived safe at Barbadoes, and found 2 ships. The General [Penn] and his fleet having gone, I applied to the Governor, who supplied me with another mast and provisions, and with the other 2 ships, I will follow the fleet. I have received many affronts and and abuses from the merchantmen in the Road, and particularly from those of the Paramour, under Capt. Joseph Ward. [1 *page.*]

May 18. London. Levant Company to John Hobson, Venice. You report the opposition made to your course for abolishing the 2 dollars per mille tax on currants by some of our people, and their compliance with the Greeks. We send you a procuration to enable you to end the matter, which will be facilitated by letter from Signor Paluzzi, the agent here. We repaired to him by your advice, and told him we must complain to the Protector about this, the decimo, the regiments' currants, and the want of pay to our ships on their discharge from the service. But on promise of redress, we have suspended our proceeding 2 months, before which he hopes to send us a satisfactory answer. He will give us a copy of what he writes, which we will send you. [*Levant papers, Vol.* 4, *p.* 240.]

May 21. London. Levant Company to Spencer Bretton, Consul at Smyrna. We confirm ours of 24 February. We are not satisfied with your vindication of yourself as to Capt. Ell's average; the business is of ill consequence, and you ought, as a public minister, to have opposed it, nor can we allow you ½ your house rent and 300 dollars for minister's diet. They are unreasonable innovations, and were not allowed when the salary was far less. We have dealt too largely already with you and Mr. Hales too, giving him 200 dollars, a year's salary, for a few weeks service.

As to the treasurer, 3 able persons are to be nominated at a general assembly of the factory, from whom one is to be chosen by lot to serve for a year, who is to have 5 per cent. on the consulage, provided care be taken that he is solvent, and a fit person.

We approve your levying 20 per cent. on Domingo Vaes de Brito's bales of cloth. We are startled with your charges against some of the factors; if true, their principals, from whom they receive their livelihood, should know; it is a wrong to them and to the factory to be unduly taxed. We will second our orders for the factors to give in the weights and marks of their silks. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 4, *pp.* 241–2.]

May 21. London. Levant Company to Rob. Winchester, minister at Smyrna. We are glad to understand by yours of 20 Jan. of your safe arrival and good reception. It is a mistake to suppose that we have taken from the consul the 300 dollars allowed for your maintenance It is not deducted from his allowance, but is one of the conditions of his gratuity of 1,000 dollars, so that you receive it, not as his courtesy, but as our payment. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 4, *p.* 242.]

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[May 21.] Levant Company to the Treasurers and Factory at Smyrna. We think it unkind that you have not complied with our orders about a treasurer. We have now resolved that you shall yearly choose 3 men at a general meeting, and select one of them by lot to be treasurer for a year, to whom we will allow 5 per cent on the consulage. The man chosen must collect our dues industriously, and you are all to concur in not increasing our debts, or voting away our moneys unusually or on superfluous expenses. We disapprove your large allowance to Mr. Hales of 200 dollars for a few weeks' ministry, and your concurrence for an average on Capt. Ell's ship.

Explanation of the gratuity to the consul [*see p.* 54 *supra*]. John Abney, late treasurer at Constantinople, should have a debt of 1,622 dollars paid, his accounts having been audited and allowed.

You do not obey our orders to enter the weights and marks of silk with the treasurer. He should also give us particular accounts of leviations. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 4, *pp.* 243–4.]

May 21. Levant Company to John Abney. We have ordered the treasurer at Smyrna to repay the debt you name in yours of 18 Dec. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 4, *p.* 245.]

May 21. Levant Company to Hen. Riley, Aleppo. You note the death of Felix Pigot at Scanderoon; Mr. Bodington is gone there as marine factor. We are glad you are rid of Ipseer Basha, and hope you will be quieter in his absence. You shall be no loser by your modest forbearance about the gratuity. Let us not lose our duties by Mr. Fowke, or any other interested in the Hattecheriff business. There is no reason for detention of consulage, &c., on that score.

We think the house at Scanderoon should be repaired at less yearly charge; the marine factor must be advised to more frugality. Also we cannot allow the charge of 50 dollars per ship pretended to by the dragoman. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 4, *p.* 245.]

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London. Levant Company to the Treasurers and Factory at Aleppo. To like effect. You are to elect a treasurer, who shall have 200 dollars a year, and pay respect to the Consul. We hope Mr. Bodington will suppress the disorders in shipping goods, to which some of you have been prone. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 4, *p.* 246.]

May 22. **54.** Petition of Nich. Greene, Wm. Shute, and Thos. Coleman to the Protector. We were appointed a year since by the Committee for approbation of Preachers, to be sequestrators to Grettleton living, co. Wilts, the incumbent, Mr. Trotman, not being approved, and there being two pretenders to it. I secured the corn, locking the barn doors, but Trotman broke open the doors, speaking contemptuously of you, and sued the parishioners for their tithes.

On this the said Committee ordered us to give possession of the living to Mr. Pichard, a godly minister, but Trotman still keeps it, and has arrested some of the chief of the parish for their tithes. We beg you to sue him to answer his contempt, and to settle Pichard in the place. With reference to Council. [1 *page.*]

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May 22. **55.** Reference thereon by Council to Jones, Strickland, Desborow, and Rous, with order to send for witnesses, state the fact, and report. Wolsley and Sydenham added to the Committee, 7 June. [⅔ *page; also I.* 76, *pp.* 84, 125.]

May 22. **56.** Petition of Joseph Wallington and Edmond Warcup, Esqs., and John Grosvenor, gentleman, to the Protector, for a patent for 14 years for the sole exercise of charking or calcining coal, having newly found out a way to chark Newcastle coal, or any sort of stone coal that cakes, in pots, so that it "will become very useful to burn, without yielding that noisome smoke which so much offends the air of this city." Will be able to afford it at moderate rates, to the great preservation of woods, and employment of many poor in charking. With reference to Council, 14 May 1655. [1 *page.*]

May 22. Reference thereon by Council to Desborow, Strickland, Jones, and Fiennes, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 85.]

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3. Order on a report from the Army Committee that 17,000*l.* is necessary, above the 3 months' assessment, for pay of the forces in England, Scotland, and Ireland till May 14, to advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners to pay the present War Treasurers, 17,000*l.* on account. Approved 25 May.

5. Jessop to state the account of Dan. Wynne for his pay as Mews keeper, and for firing and candles for the guards.

7. Order on a letter from the Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners, concerning some masts consigned hither by Rich. Bradshaw in the David, lately arrived from Hamburg;—that the Customs' Commissioners allow the masts to be landed for the navy's use free of custom. Approved 25 May. *Annexing,*

57. I. *Customs' Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners. We cannot release the ship David, as required, unless you come down and pay the customs. Custom House,* 21 *May* 1655. [½ *page.*]

57. II. *Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. We do not think we ought to use the State's money to clear customs without an order, therefore we beg instructions. Repairs of a ship. Navy Office,* 21 *May* 1655. [1 *page.*]

10. The order and declaration for collecting excise in Scotland to be forthwith printed and published.

12. Order—on report from Commissary-General Whalley, Col. Goffe, Lieut.-Col. Worsley, and others of the Committee of officers, certifying that they have issued the money received of Frost, and find the claims already come in amount to 12,000*l.* more than is ordered to them—that 500*l.* more be paid them by Frost, to pay the recruits. Approved 25 May.

13. Order on a paper on behalf of Rich. Greenwall, Wm. Stanley, and Ben. Newband, merchants of Southampton and the Isle of Wight—remonstrating that Jan. 20 last, they freighted the John

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of West Cowes with wheat, iron pots, and other goods for Bordeaux, and that she was taken, and is still detained near Blaye in the province of Bordeaux, by a shallop of Blaye, and her master carried prisoner to Blaye Castle and kept there 2 months—to advise his Highness to write to the Governor of Blaye to restore the ship and goods and give satisfaction, and that a copy of the letter be given to the French Ambassador. Approved 25 May.

15. The report of the Committee on the salaries of the Excise officers to be debated this afternoon.

18. The petition of Isaac Pennington, Alderman of London, concerning a debt for which he is prosecuted, though the money was paid in for the Parliament, read.

19. The petition of Henry Lord Herbert, and Wm. Minhere referred to Jones, Strickland, Montague, Sydenham, Wolsley, and Pickering, to report.

20. Order on Jones' report from the Committee concerning the salary and fees of Exchequer officers, to advise the following yearly salaries, each officer being allowed the fees anciently paid, and named in a paper now read,—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Auditor of receipt for self and 4 clerks	500	0	0
Clerk „ of pells, self, and clerks	350	0	0
Tellers, for self and clerks, each	400	0	0
2 chamberlains, each	50	0	0
Tally cutter	40	0	0
Serjeant-at-arms attending the Treasury	100	0	0
Usher	50	0	0

Annexing,

58. I. *Note of salaries and fees formerly received by officers in the Exchequer. April* 10, 1655. [*Draft,* 1⅔ *pages.*]

21. To allow the salaries to begin from Midsummer 1654, and the first payment to be for a quarter ending at Michaelmas 1654.

22. Approval by the Protector of an order (*missing*) of 30 Nov. 1654, for payment of arrears to Drs. Clayton, Zouch, and Wilkinson, presented by Mr. Scobell. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 84–8.] *Annexing,*

59. I. *Certificate by Thos. Fauconberg, that by warrant from the Revenue Committee of* 25 *May* 1652, *there was* 210*l. due to Dr. Rich. Zouch, professor of civil law at Oxford, on his salary of* 40*l. a year, from June* 1646 *to Sept.* 1651, *and that only* 100*l. has been paid thereon, leaving* 110*l. due,* 21 *Nov.* 1654. *With note of order,* 30 *Nov.* 1654. [1 *page.*]

59. II. *Certificate by Fauconberg that his last payment of* 30*l. balance to Dr. Clayton was for the year ended Michaelmas* 1651, *by warrant from the Revenue Committee of* 17 *Feb.* 1651–2. 21 *Nov.* 1654. [⅔*page.*]

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59. III. *Report by the Treasury Commissioners to Council. A warrant has been presented for payment of* 120*l. to Thos. Clayton, doctor and reader of physic in Oxford University, for his fee of* 40*l. for* 3 *years, and the same for Dr. Rich. Zouch, professor of civil law. We hear that the University, on* 16 *Dec.* 1651, *bought fee-farm rents, from which were reprized the said fees, and* 2 *perpetuities of* 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d. and of* 10*l. a year, so that they should not be charged on the State. We report this before payment.* 27 *July* 1655. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

59. IV. *Contract for the purchase of the said fee-farm rents, made* 16 *Dec.* 1651, *with stipulation of payment to the University of the said fees and perpetuities.* 7 *March* 1653–4. [2⅔ *pages.*]

May 22. Warrant by the Protector to Sir Bulstrode Whitelock, Sir Thos. Widdrington, and John Lisle, Commissioners of the Great Seal, Hen. Rolle and Oliver St. John, Chief Justices of the Upper Bench and Common Pleas, and Edw. Montague and Wm. Sydenham of the Council—now Treasury Commissioners—to pay, as has been usually done in former times, warrants dormant for fees, wages, repairs of houses and provisions for the service, appointed since 24 June 1654; also for diet at their own special meetings, and for parchment, stationery, repairs, &c., for the Courts of Exchequer and receipt; also to repay any surplus money overpaid for rent, or for fines of leases or purchases of lands which cannot be enjoyed. Approved by the Protector, 25 May. [*I.* 76*a*, *pp.* 61–2; *I.* 76, *pp.* 84, 102.]

May 22. **60.** Information on a case alluding to a dispute in the Upper Bench concerning customs. King James granted part of the profits belonging to an officer of the Common Pleas. The officer brought an action against the grantee for detaining the profits, and the judgment, after long debate, was promised to the plaintiff; but a writ was sent by the King to the judges to suspend proceedings, "*nobis inconsultis,*" and the grantee has enjoyed the profits ever since. The plaintiff, being a person of estate and experience, would not have been so concluded unless the writ had been warrantable. [⅔ *page.*]

May 22. Ordnance Office. **61.** Ordnance officers to the [Admiralty Commissioners]. We send the charges made against Roger Carlisle and Wm. Gardner, gunsmiths, for breaches of contract, in supplying old muskets instead of new, cutting off the end of muskets, &c., with their answers, as also their accounts. We think that the cutting off 2 to 4 inches of the breech ends of musket barrels would be beneficial, but beyond that prejudicial. [1 *sheet, damaged.*]

May 22. Saphire, Plymouth. **62.** Capt. N. Heaton to R. Blackborne. We have no news but what is sent from London. It will be seen by the enclosed that lawyers, who heretofore played their game on all sides, begin to bear their part in suffering. The Lord, who can catch the wise in their own craftiness, make it of use to us all; but gold will make them speak anything; we should examine our own hearts. [1 *page.*]

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May 22. The Weymouth, North Seas. **63.** Capt. Robt. Wilkinson to the Admiralty Commissioners. The fishermen are in good condition, but scattered between Newcastle and Buffin Ness. Two Scotch vessels from Holland, coming with a Holland convoy for Aberdeen, report that 30 sail of small vessels have set out from France for the North and West Seas. If they come amongst our fishers, they may do much harm. I will keep close to them as long as my victuals last, and endeavour to preserve them from danger; but the rough weather has made the Pink very leaky. [1 *page.*]

May 22./June 1. Cologne. Sec. Nicolas to Jos. Jane, at the Hague. Cromwell courts the Presbyterians to ingratiate himself with them; he published the proclamation for executing the laws against Papists, yet he keeps up a good understanding with the Jesuits, and by means of Don Alonso de Cardenas, Spanish ambassador in England, has intelligence from the principal Jesuits in most places in Christendom, especially the French Court and the Queen's Court, concerning all matters relating to England and himself. The Papists in England have contributed much to his ends.

Cromwell will not conclude with France till assured of Penn's success, but will amuse both France and Spain with a treaty; and to prevent a peace between the two, will gain such an advantage over one that that Crown shall not dare to make peace without his consent, and so he will continue the war, as the surest means to preserve him in his usurpations; but surely both French and Spaniards, rather than be exposed any longer to his notorious insults, should, by the Pope's intervention, make peace on a sudden on any reasonable conditions. It would be so were not the Cardinal in France as desirous to continue the war as Cromwell, finding it best fishing in troubled waters.

Lieut.-Gen. Middleton is landed at Emden, and intends to come here next week. I wonder what the Dutch say about their ships taken by Penn at the Barbadoes; it will destroy their traffic in those parts. Cromwell intends to make the trade of the United provinces inconsiderable, and subservient to him.

The Spanish Cortes will assist that King if he will marry the infanta to the Duke of Savoy, Archduke Leopold, or the Emperor's son; he wishes to marry her to one of his own house.

Acquaint 613 * with part of what I write. We hope the Earl of Rochester and Nich. Armorer are safe, as we have no news of them. Lord Wentworth is still at the Busse, and it is doubtful when he will be here. My foot is swollen and painful, but I hope the worst is past. Mr. Chancellor is goutish, and I see little of him. Thank my daughter for her letter, which I received by my son. [2½ *pages. Holland Corresp.*]

May 23. **64.** Petition of Wm. Graves to Council, for a warrant to the Commissioners of Customs to allow him to ship 3,000 birding pieces and 1,000 locks for Barbary, paying customs, and giving security not to send them elsewhere. Barbary affords good commodities, as gold, saltpetre, wax, skins, &c., and the woollen and linen cloth, &c., exported thither employ several manufactories. [1 *page.*]

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* A cypher name, key not known.—ED.

May 23. Order thereon granting the petition. Approved 25 May. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 88, 102.]

May 23. **65.** Petition of Jehosaphat, brother of John Lucas, lately executed for rebellion, to the Protector. My parents left me very young, and left my portion in the hands of my brother, and my father left his shop between us; but the shop, house, and goods have been seized as forfeit by my brother's rebellion, so that I am like to come to trouble, being bound for many debts for him, and having little left when they are paid. I beg to be allowed the house and shop, on paying the debts. With reference to Council, for speedy and effectual consideration. 21 May 1655. [1 *sheet.*]

May 23. Reference thereon by Council to Wolsley, Fiennes, Desborow, and Lisle, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 89.]

May 23. **66.** Petition of Gilbert Walden, minister of Leamington-Hastings, co. Warwick, to the Protector. In 1649, John Lee, minister of Leamington, was sequestered by the Committee for Plundered Ministers, for drunkenness, swearing, and malignancy, and I was invested therein by request of the people. I have allowed Lee ⅕ since, but he—encouraged by disaffected lawyers, who say the Committee for Plundered Ministers is no legal authority—has commenced suits against me, detains my income, and impeaches my title. The case was to come on last Warwick assizes, but Justice Hale referred it to Major Beake and 2 others to arbitrate. Beake would not act, finding the scope of the case was to vacate the judgment of the Committee for Plundered Ministers.

As it may go hard with me if left to law, and as I have been much tossed and troubled, and thus rendered unfit for my calling, I beg your authority to refer the case to the Commissioners for Ejection of scandalous Ministers, or some other way. With reference thereon to Council, 14 May 1655. [1 *sheet.*]

May 23. Reference thereon by Council to Fiennes, Rous, Wolsley, and Jones, to consider this and all petitions of like nature, and report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 89.]

May 23. **67.** Petition of Thos. Parry, receiver of assessments, co. Cardigan, to the Protector. I was appointed receiver August 1649, and have since continued at great expense, paying 6*d.* in the pound for carriage of my money to London, beside other expenses, there being no agent appointed by the Army Committee for the service till last year. I have paid in 18,000*l.*, only had 1*d.* in the pound allowance, and have disbursed 86*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* Being inexperienced in accounts, I paid in 1652 several sums to the late Treasurers-at-war which should have been paid to the new Treasurers; after long examination, the old Treasurers were ordered to repay 438*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* overplus, but they had already disposed of all their money and passed their accounts, and now I have soldiers quartered on me for payment of this account. I beg orders for payment of the 438*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*, the 86*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* expenses, and an allowance for portage. Your own regiment is ordered to quarter in the county till they receive 1,595*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* in arrear, which cannot be paid unless my desire is granted. [1½ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

67. I. *Accounts of Thos. Parry, from* 24 *June* 1649 to 23 *March* 1654. 24 *June* 1654. [*Copy,* 2 *sheets.*]

67. II. *Order by the Army Committee for repayment of the* 438*l.* 13*s.* 8*d. from the old to the new Treasurers-at-war.* 13 *Dec.* 1654. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

May 23. Reference of the case by Council to the Army Committee, to report. [*I.* 76,*p.* 89.]

May 23. Note of a petition referred to the Committee for Petitions, of Jas. Philips and Jenkin Lloyd for relief. Cardiganshire is charged 732*l.* a month for the last 6 months' assessment; ½ was formerly abated, and then the assessment is ½ the revenue; the last Parliament intended relief. Order thereon in Council that the Army Committee order the collecting and levying of half the monthly assessment charged in co. Cardigan for the 6 months beginning Dec. 25, 1654, and also for the 6 months beginning June 24, to be respited, and all concerned to take notice hereof. Approved 25 May. [*I.* 92, *No.* 314; *I.* 76, *pp.* 90, 102.]

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2. Lisle and Sydenham added to the Committee on the Protestants under the Duke of Savoy.

3. Wolsley added to the Committee on John Williams' petition.

5. 200*l.* to be advanced from Council's contingencies to the gentleman sent envoy to the King of France and Duke of Savoy, and letters of credit given him to take up 100*l.* more, if needful.

8. The petition of John Clarke, and the letter from Col. Hacker, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

9. On report from the Committee on the order for an assessment of 60,000*l.* a month from June 24, 1655, several amendments and a declaration to fill up blanks agreed to, and the order so amended passed, and approved.

13. Order—on petition of Thos. Hunt, for the distressed inhabitants of Marlborough, co. Wilts, complaining that several sums for relief of those who suffered by fire are detained by those who collected them—that Ald. Andrews and the Committee at Sadlers' Hall summon the collectors to pay the money to such persons, and within such time as they think fit to appoint, and to give in the names of defaulters.

14. Order—on petition of Dan. Burston and Thos. Besbech, ministers, and certificates of approval from the Commissioners for approbation of public Preachers, as also his Highness's recommendation of their petition for 50*l.* each, quickly to transport them to Ireland—to advise that the Treasury Commissioners pay them

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each 50*l.*, on surety to transport themselves to Ireland within 6 weeks, and not return without licence.

15. Order—on a certificate from Lord Broghill and Vincent Gooking that Thos. Hackett, minister, must go to Holland, which will necessitate his first staying in England some time—that he have liberty of absence from Ireland for 12 months, supplying his place there meanwhile. Approved 25 May.

16. Serjeant Glynn to prepare the form of a conveyance for granting to trustees for his Highness land in Ireland, in satisfaction of 3,048*l.* 1*s.* 1½*d.* due to Lord Broghill on his debentures for arrears of pay.

18. Order—on report by the Committee to whom the petition of the officers of Dover Castle was referred [*See* 2 *Jan. suprà*] that the following sums are due on former allowances from the revenues of Kent, viz.:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
To Dr. Walker, judge, at 2*s.* a day, for 3 years, to Nov. 1654 - - - - -	109	10	0
To Lieut.-Col. Kelsey, at 8*l.* a year, 3½ years, to Xmas 1654 - - - - -	28	0	0
To Thos. St. Nicholas, steward, at 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* a year, 4 years, to Xmas 1654 - - -	26	13	4
To John Raven, clerk of the Castle, at 8*l.* a year, 5½ years, to Xmas 1654 - - -	44	0	0
To Rich. Henley, bodar and bailiff, at 2*l.* a year, 5½ years, to Xmas 1654 - - -	11	0	0
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—that his Highness be requested to issue warrants for payment of the said arrears, and for their respective stipends in future. Approved 25 May. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 88–92.] *Annexing,*

68. i. *Report of Gen. Desborow and Col. Montague, on which the above order is founded.* [1⅔ *pages.*]

May 24. **69.** Petition of Elizabeth, widow of Thos. Pott, Master of the Harriers to the late King, to the Protector, for relief and subsistence, that she may not perish in her old age. Is the only daughter of Sir Wm. Methold, Chief Baron in Ireland, and had 4,000*l.* jointure, which her husband spent in 50 years' service to King James, Prince Henry, and the late King, who granted him in July 1642, in lieu thereof 300*l.* a year, till 3,000*l.* was paid; but for the last 11 years she has only received 87*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, and is old and depending on friends for bread. With reference thereon to Council, 9 July 1654. [1 *sheet.*]

May 24. Order in Council to advise a pension of 10*s.* a week for her relief. Approved 25 May. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 95, 102.]

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3. Order—on a list presented by Frost, of warrants for sums charged on Council's contingencies and not paid,—that out of 6,000*l.*

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lately ordered, and such further sums as he shall receive, he pay 20 sums specified, total amount 6,344*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.*

4. Auditors Broad and Bockett to audit Frost's account for money received and paid out of Council's contingencies, from his last discharge till Mich. 1654, and to report.

5. Order on report from the Committee on the 4th part of the pay of officers and soldiers listed under Gen. Venables,—that the examiners of the muster rolls have read the letters of attorney, and stated the arrears and proportions to be paid, &c., but cannot perfect the whole, and that divers are very necessitous;—to advise payment to Fras. Hodges, Gent., of 1,000*l.*, to be paid out to the assignees of the officers and soldiers according to orders. Approved 25 May.

6. The report from Montague and Sydenham on the petition of Wm. Webster, and other citizens of Fleet Street,—that they have conferred with the Great Seal Commissioners, and think his Highness may legally grant the petitioners letters patent to gather the charitable benevolence of those willing to contribute;—agreed with, and his Highness advised to act as he thinks fit. Approved 25 May.

7. Frost to pay the arrears of the weekly pensions of Lord Crawford and Lindsay and the Earl of Lauderdale, out of Council's contingencies.

8. The report on the petition of Abr. Pitts, of Lyme, [*see* 9 *May* 1655],—that if the Diamond is unfit for the voyage, and came into port on the grounds alleged, the petitioners be allowed to unlade the prohibited goods in her on to another vessel without seizure, and to land the not prohibited goods on payment of customs;—referred to the Commissioners of Customs to examine the allegations, and if true, to order accordingly. Approved 25 May. *Annexing,*

70. I. *Report of the Admiralty Commissioners alluded to,* 14 *May* 1655. [⅔ *page.*]

11. Order on Montague's report on the petition of Dame Emlyn, widow of Sir Geo. Keir, to advise payment to her of 10*s.* a week. Approved May 25.

12. Order on petition of Rob. Smayles, and others employed by the Trustees for sale of Forest lands,—for payment of bills specified, amounting to 280*l.* 1*s.* 3½*d.* for fitting the treasury at Worcester House, which have been examined by 3 of the said trustees,—to advise payment thereof, the names of the persons being first stated. The trustees to return to Council a full inventory of the goods and materials comprized in the bills, and in whose hands they remain, that they may be used in the State's service.

13. To request a warrant for payment to Rich. Lucy, Thos. Manby, and John Hildesley, Commissioners for Probate of Wills, of 150*l.* each, being their ½ year's salary, as ordered 9 May. Approved 25 May. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 92–6.]

May 25. **71.** Petition of Dorothy Thomas, widow, St. David's, co. Cardigan, to the Protector, for an allowance to keep her alive. Her 3 sons,

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Evan, John, and Rice, at the last press for the land service 4 years ago, were impressed and went to Ireland under Captain Lucas in Lord Ireton's regiment. Her youngest son Rice being slain at Carregar Howell, she had Lord Ireton's pass into England, which she lost with other writings during a stormy voyage to England. Has since heard of the death of her other sons, and has come from St. David's parish, co. Cardigan, aged, lame, unable to labour, and having nothing to live upon. [1 *page.*]

May 25. Order for 10*l.* for her from Council's contingencies. Approved 1 June. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 97, 116; *I.* 105, *p.* 156.]

May 25. **72.** Petition of Wadham Windham to the Protector, for discharge from imprisonment, under which he most heavily suffers. [½ *page.*]

May 25. Note that the petitions of John Maynard and Thos. Twisden, serjeants-at-law, and Wadham Windham, referred by his Highness to Council, were read. [*I.* 76, *p.* 99.]

May 25. **73.** Petition of Isaac Pennington, Alderman of London, to the Protector. I was security for Lewis Young's payment of 250*l.* to Randolph Stephens; he became a delinquent, and was sequestered in 1643 by the Camden House Commissioners, who ordered me to pay the money. I paid 300*l.* and got full receipts. Stephens' widow and executrix, Elizabeth, has sued me for the debt, and the money being not all paid on the day, the jury found the penalty of the bond, 400*l.*, against me at a trial on 12 May, before Lord Chief Justice Rolle. He would certify the Barons of Exchequer, according to the Ordinance for Indemnity, but they are not sitting, and execution will be out against me in 2 days. I beg relief and stay of proceedings. With reference, 18 May 1655, to Council, to send for all parties and give order. [¾ *page.*]

May 25. **74.** Order that—the Sheriff of co. Bucks having taken some of his goods in execution—they be restored, and prosecution forborne on his giving security to pay in 407*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*, debt and charges, if the Barons of Exchequer decide the case against him. [1 *page; also I.* 76, *p.* 99.]

May 25. **75.** Petition of Thos. Simons, chief graver of the Mint and Seals, to Council. I have been long employed in modelling the Great Seal, have money due for the Privy Seal, Signet, &c., and have taken from a goldsmith, who much needs his money, 160*l.* worth of gold and silver for the Great Seals of England and Ireland. I am 300*l.* out of purse, and beg an imprest of 200*l.* forthwith, to be deducted when the work is finished. [1 *page.*]

May 25. Order thereon for 200*l.* from Council's contingencies. Approved 1 June. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 100, 116; *I.* 105, *p.* 155.]

May 25. **76.** Petition of Edw. Beck to Council. I have been active as a gunsmith and soldier in Col. Barkstead and Sir Wm. Constable's regiments. I was allowed by the establishment for Scotland 2 men and 2 horses; but when the others were fully paid, I was only paid according to the establishment here, and so I had nothing from 27 Nov. 1654 to 8 Jan. 1654–5, and am not allowed pay as a gunsmith in England. I beg an order to the Army Committee for the 6 weeks' payment. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

76. I., II. *Certificates by Lieut.-Col. T. Biscoe and Rich. Gerard Deputy Commissioner, that Beck and Rich. Swan were mustered as gunsmith and mate from* 27 *Nov.* 1654 *to* 8 *Jan.* 1655, *and received no pay.* 30 *Aug. and* 7 *Sept.* 1655. [2 *papers.*]

May 25. **77.** Reference thereon to Commissary-Gen. Whalley and the rest of the Committee of Officers, to report. [½ *page*; *also I.* 76, *p.* 100.]

May 25. **78.** Petition of Susanna, widow of John Bastwick, M.D., for self, 2 sons, and two daughters, to the Protector. In 1640, the House of Commons, after a full hearing, resolved that the proceedings in the High Commission Court, Star Chamber and Council, in suspending my husband from a large practice, fining and imprisoning him, putting him in the pillory, and cutting off his ears, were unlawful, and that he should have damages from the estates of those who unjustly sentenced him. The House of Lords ordered that the other parties should be heard, but as none appeared, they ordered the vacating of all proceedings against him, and granted him 4,000*l.* damages from the estates of the Duke of Lenox, Earl of Dorset, Lord Cottington, and Sir Fras. Windebank. The Commons added 1,000*l.* more from other estates, but delayed performance so long that Parliament was dissolved, and the report not made.

The case was presented to the next Parliament, and the Committee for Petitions ordered Ald. Ireton to report in favour of the 5,000*l.*, but that Parliament was dissolved before report.

He then addressed you, and you referred him to Council, who ordered Maj.-Gen. Skippon and Mr. Rous to examine the papers, on whose report Council ordered him 200*l.*, which he was obliged to pay at once to his creditors, and referred the case again to Parliament; but God put an end to my husband's sufferings, and he left me and my fatherless children without livelihood. I presented my case to Parliament, who again voted me the 5,000*l.*, and referred it to a Committee to say where it should be paid; but that Parliament too was dissolved, so I must end my days in extreme want unless relieved by you. There are no sufferers of like nature to trouble you, as Mr. Burton's wife and child have 200*l.* a year settled on them by Parliament.

My jointure was sold to pay my husband's debts; I am aged, sickly, in debt, and without means of subsistence, and am a woman of sorrows, poverty being more grievous to those who have lived in plenty, and my children are deprived of their inheritance and portions. I beg the 5,000*l.* or some other reparation. With reference thereon to Council, to see that some competent sum is paid her forthwith. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

78. I. *Abstract of Dr. Bastwick's case as it lay before the late Committee for Petitions. That he was imprisoned from* 1633 *to* 1640; *had* 4,000*l. granted by the Lords* 23 *March*

1645–6, confirmed by them 15 April 1646; and that on 11 Nov. 1648, the Commons ordered him 5,000l. from the estates above named, and those of Dr. Juxon, James Marquis of Hamilton, the Earls of Pembroke, Holland, and Bridgwater, Sir Hen. Vane, senior, Sir Nath. Brent, Sir John Brampton, and Sir John Finch. 14 Feb. 1653–4. [1½ pages.]

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2. Order on Strickland's report from the Committee on the 3 Dutch ships taken by privateers, that the Admiralty Commissioners order the Peter to be restored to her master, on bail to abide by the decison of that Court; and as it appears that some of her furniture, rigging, goods, and provisions have been taken away by the captors, they are to give satisfaction therefor, or Dr. Walker will put in suit their bonds. Also that the Admiralty Judges decide quickly about the Oaken Tree, have their sentences in behalf of the master or owners carried out, and report their proceedings therein.

3. Order on the Treasury Commissioners' report on the petition of the Provost and Fellows of Eton College,—showing that they have a right to 42*l.* a year, and also 15*l.* in lieu of 3 tuns of Gascony wine, which 42*l.* is in arrear for one year, and the 15*l.* for 2 years,—to advise payment to them of 87*l.* in full satisfaction for arrears, and of the 2 sums annually. Approved 1 June.

4. Order on report from the Treasury Commissioners on the petition of the Provost and Fellows of King's College, Cambridge [*see* 2 *March* 1655], that 25*l.* be paid them for 2½ year's arrears of the 10*l.* a year to which they have a right in lieu of 2 tuns of Gascony wine, and 10*l.* yearly in future. Approved 1 June. *Annexing,*

79. i. *Report alluded to, certifying the justness of the claim, and the non-payment of the arrears.* 8 *May* 1655. [1 *page.*]

5. Order on a letter from the mayor and bailiffs of Weymouth, of April 7 1655,—praying payment of 12*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* to Mrs. Giare, widow, for 1¼ year's rent due for the house, formerly a State's magazine there, the ammunition being lately removed thence by Capt. Hurst, of Portland Castle;—that Sydenham and Jones learn how the rent becomes due, and how it was formerly paid, and report.

7. Jones and Strickland to consider a letter from Gen. Monk of March 20 1654–5, concerning the Earl of Home, and a certificate from the Scotch Commissioners of Oct. 20 1654, concerning the Earl of Hartfell, and to report.

8. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider the petition of Thos. Smith for the owners of the Anne Percy, concerning 307*l.* 4*s.* 3*d.* alleged to be owing them from the State for their thirds of prizes, and to report; as also how any money due may best be paid.

11. **80.** Reference to Whalley, Goffe, and the rest of the Committee of Officers, of a paper from Col. Rob. Lilburne. *Annexing,*

80. i. *Statement by Lilburne. On intelligence that the late rebels intended to possess Middleham Castle, co. York,*

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I appointed Capt. Conyers to raise 30 *men to secure it, which he did accordingly, about* 10 *March last, and has kept it ever since, and some prisoners of war in it, without any pay or allowance. I beg allowance for the past, and provision for the future, or their discharge with recompense; and that Major Smithson, who lives near, may muster and pay them.* 24 *May* 1655. [1 *page.*]

12. **81.** Like reference on a paper of Col. Rowland Dawkins. *Annexing,*

81. i. *Statement by Dawkins. On* 17 *March* 1654–5 *I raised* 80 *horse to preserve the peace of these counties, and kept them till* 26 *March. I paid part of their quarters, and took engagements for the rest. I have been at charges to keep intelligence with the commissioners and officers in South Wales, and to send ammunition from Carmarthen to Tenby.* 1 *May* 1655. [⅓ *page.*]

15. To advise a day of humiliation in reference to the distressed Protestants in the territory of the Duke of Savoy.

17. Christopher Pack Lord Mayor of London, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir John Trevor, Ald. Sir Thos. Vyner, Ed. Cressett, Philip Nye, Edm. Calamy, Jos. Carill, Wm. Kiffin, [Wm.] Jenkins, and Thos. Harrison, appointed Treasurers to receive all sums collected for relief of poor and distressed Protestants in Piedmont; to meet forthwith, and decide rules and means for promoting the collection. Approved 25 May.

18. The horse and foot officers and soldiers lately come from Ireland to England, under Col. Sadler and Major Redman, to be paid out of the moneys assigned to forces in Ireland, and the Army Committee to issue warrants accordingly for payment, from May 14 1655 when they were paid up in Ireland. Approved 25 May.

19. What the establishment for Ireland falls short of the pay established for the forces in England, the Army Committee is to pay from moneys in their disposal for the forces of the Commonwealth, so as to equal the pay of the above forces with the establishment of the forces in England. Approved 25 May.

22. Approval by the Protector of 22 orders, 18–22 May. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 97–102.]

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Pres. Lawrence to Col. Hugh Bethel, Mr. Ripley Mayor of Hull, Thos. Somerscales, Jos. Drake, and Mr. Lock. Council being informed that Maj. Rich. Elton, Deputy-Governor of Hull, has, according to order, spent money for necessary repairs of the garrison during the late rebellion, and wishing to pay him for the same, refers it to you to go to the garrison, survey the repairs, make an estimate of the charge, and transmit it to them. [*I.* 76, *p.* 101.]

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82. Declaration by the Protector, inviting the people of England to a day of solemn fasting and humiliation. The poor inhabitants of the valleys of Lucerne, Angrona, &c., in the dominions of the Duke of

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Savoy, professing the reformed religion transmitted to them by their Waldensian ancestors (who testified to the truth with their lives and fortunes) were, by an edict from the Duke, ordered to quit their habitations in the hardest weather, within 20 days, on penalty of loss of life, unless they could show that they had embraced the Roman religion. This command was executed by an army, which, by slaughters and intolerable violence, drove them to the mountains to escape their persecutors, who put many to the sword, and by inhuman cruelties and tortures, forced the rest to fly, who are now wandering with their wives and little ones, in hunger, cold, and nakedness.

We of the same faith and hope, who enjoy protection, should not neglect our poor brethren, but exercise compassion, and having peace and plenty, relieve them, out of a deep sense of their calamities, and of the future danger of Protestant churches.

We therefore appoint Thursday, 14 June, as a day of humiliation and fasting on their behalf, and desire all to join therein with heart and lip. On the same day the ministers are to stir the people to a free and liberal collection for their relief, and to cause this declaration to be read in their respective churches. [*Printed*, 3 *pages*; *also I.* 76*A*, *pp.* 63–4.]

May 25. Order and Declaration of his Highness and Council, for an assessment of 60,000*l.* a month for 6 months, from 24 June 1655, similar to that of 7 Feb. [*page*, 33 *supra*] the first ½ to be paid in before 20 July, and the last ½ before 10 Oct. 1655. [*I.* 76*A*, *pp.* 68–73; *I.* 76, *p.* 102.]

May 25. Plymouth. **83.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Robt. Blackborne. Three Quakers have arrived from Bristol, and last Lord's day, they had a meeting at the outskirt of this corporation, and made discoveries of new lights; 2 days since, hearing the mayor intended sending for them, they came to him with their hats on, and saluted him with "What wilt thou have of us?" which much amused the people. When examined, one acknowledged the cause of his coming, and promising to return home, was discharged; but the other two stood stiff in their folly, and were sent to prison, where they have been two days, and have neither sought God by prayer, craved a blessing on what they have received, nor returned thanks. The more I behold the workings of Satan in this manner, the more I acknowledge God's mercies.

I desire you to move the Commissioners as to the noyals canvas I am to receive from the Prize Office, upon which custom is demanded, which the Sub-Commissioners for Prize Goods refuse to pay, as they receive no money for it, and I have no reason to do so without order. Respects to Mr. Creed. [1 *page.*]

May 25. **84.** Geo. Williamson to his brother Joseph, in France. I am sorry I could not see you here; I have paid Mr. Beeby 2*l.* as you desired. The times are dangerous; take special care of yourself, and let me hear when you intend to return, that I may see your face in the north; our relatives are well; I have much ado to keep my father in his place. [1¼ *pages.*]

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May 26. **85.** Reference by the Protector to Council, of a report of 2 Jan. 1654–5, by Att.-Gen. Edm. Prideaux and Sol.-Gen. Wm. Ellis,—on a reference prefixed of his Highness of 20 Dec. 1654,—stating that the fees claimed by the Master of the Rolls have been constantly paid. [1¼ *pages.*] *Prefixing,*

85. I. *Certificate by Barth. Beale, auditor, that the Master of the Rolls had* 32*l.* 13*s.* 4*d. yearly, viz.—for examining estreats,* 10*l.*; *for keeping of a house of converts,* 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; *for* 2 *chaplains,* 8*l.*; *and for* 1 *clerk,* 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d., payable by the clerk of the hanaper in Chancery. That Wm. Lenthall, now Master of the Rolls, was so paid till* 1644, *but has received nothing since.* [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

85. II. *Order in the Revenue Committee for the said payments to be made,* 17 *Aug.* 1644. *Also note by Sir Wm. Allenson, clerk of the Hanaper,* 28 *Oct.* 1654, *that he has paid nothing since to the said Master, except casual fees, and his summer and winter livery, the hanaper being charged with payments in excess of its receipts.* [1 *page.*]

May 26. Portsmouth. **86.** Capt. Fras. Willoughby to Robt. Blackborne. Yours of the 24th presents matter for mourning and lamentation, considering the great dishonour done to the Lord, and the unheard of cruelty exercised upon the Saints; I hope the zeal of the nation may be raised to the highest pitch of resolvedness for revenge, it being good in God's cause, though ill in our own. Such actings call for vengeance, and it will not be long ere the Lord avenge himself on those who have imbrued their hands in the blood of his saints, and on those powers that uphold these devilish principles. If the Lord make this nation instrumental therein, I shall look on it as one of the greatest dignities that can be conferred; and if the Lord set it in the hearts of the godly of this nation seriously to consult what is their duty, and go forth to action, I shall hope that he has mercy in store for poor England. The Lord be with his people in that solemn appointed day, and hear the cry of the blood of his saints. [1 *page.*]

May 28. Plymouth. **87.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Robt. Blackborne. I received the sad relation of the unheard of cruelties against the professors of the truths of Christ, whose blood the Lord will no doubt avenge; I am glad it is so received by our rulers as to seek the Lord for the remnant, and to provide for them. I hope it will be commended to the nation in general to do the like, whose bowels in such a case will doubtless be moved. The post gives only 2 hours to answer letters.

P.S.—The Quakers are still in prison, being very stiff, and are likely to be sent to the common gaol. Our quiet West country people judge them to be men of strange humour. [¾ *page.*]

May 28. The Lyme. **88.** Capt. Jno. Bourne to Robt. Blackborne. Thanks for your correspondence; I am heartily sorry for the sad sufferings of the people of God in the Duke of Savoy's country. I showed yours to the respective commanders with me, so that, their hearts being inflamed with zeal for God and affection for his people, it might stir them up. We have resolved to cast in our poor mite on the fast-day intended by the Lord Protector and Council.

I presume the Judge-Advocate has sent the finding of the court-martial upon the carpenter of the Advice; he being turned out, I recommend our carpenter's mate to succeed him. Pray deliver an enclosure to the Admiralty Commissioners, as it concerns me much. [1 *page.*]

May 28, The Lyme Frigate. **89.** J. Fowler, Judge-Advocate, to Rob. Blackborne. I should have arrived on board earlier, had I not been delayed by a meeting desired by the widow of Mr. Inglis and his creditors, wherein I and my children were concerned, for some legacies left in his hands 5 years ago by my father, of which I fear we shall have a very bad account and total loss. On coming to Deal, I found there had been a court-martial the day before upon the carpenter of the Advice, as to embezzling pitch, tar, &c.; he had returned them to the stores at Harwich before any seizure of his person, so that nothing was found at his house, and it was not proved that he was a felon; yet as he confessed to an intention to steal, the Court proceeded against him with as much severity as possible, and sentenced him to be carried from ship to ship, with a paper written on his breast denoting his offence, the same to be read at each ship's side, after beat of drum; then he was to be thrice ducked from the yard arm, and lastly cashiered, but to have a ticket for the time he served. The evidence being so defective, and not on oath, if he had not confessed, the Court could not have gone so far.

Capt. Bourne's religious and charitable intention for relief of the poor Protestants, chased away by the Savoyard after the slaughter of their fellows of Lucerne, is to solemnize the fast demanded by his Highness next Thursday, by a free-will offering on board his and the rest of the ships, and it promises to be strictly observed. [1 *page.*]

May 28. The Lyme, Downs. **90.** Capt. John Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. We have held a court-martial on the carpenter of the Advice, and executed such a sentence as was agreeable to our conscience, and the best of our understanding. The Elizabeth has sailed with two prisoners for Jersey and Guernsey, the Bristol and Nightingale for Portsmouth to refit and victual, and the Endeavour ketch for Plymouth; names of 6 frigates in the Downs, and the time for which they are victualled. [1¾ *pages.*].

May 28. The Lyme, Downs. **91.** Capt. Jno. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. It is several years since I had the honour to serve this Commonwealth by sea, and this is the first time I have presumed to trouble you in this manner, and now it is not without reluctancy. If hereby I should be judged too sensible of my private concernment, my encouragement is that you will not conclude so, I having never disputed any commands, nor consulted my own advantage.

Since the beginning of the Dutch war, I have been in continual action, and God has graciously upheld me beyond my own and others' expectation, especially in the Portland engagement (at which time I wore a flag), where myself with the frigate were wonderfully preserved, being thrust at very sorely by three of the enemies' ships at once (besides what I received from the whole fleet passing through the midst of them), by which we had almost perished, and in which fight I received a very dangerous wound in my skull by a poleaxe, besides other bruises, which rendered me, by all that saw me, a dead man; under this wound I remained with extreme torment some weeks, and expenses great in order to a cure; when I had in a measure obtained it, Gen. Deane, who loved me beyond my deserts, being ready to go forth in the Resolution, appointed me captain of that ship under him, which command I could not resist, though much disabled in body. In this command I continued until the Lord crowned that war with an issue; but the remembrance of the wound received will continue with me to my death.

I confess I am well satisfied with the Lord's providence and your respects towards me, although my advantages have not been like others, being for a good time of late in the General's own ship, where I had opportunity of service, and wanted no business, but no great alteration in my small estate. However I bless the Lord, who has kept me from stretching my principles to the least prejudice of the Commonwealth.

As for my salary due for the time I was in the Essex and Portsmouth frigates, I crave your order for such allowance as you think fit. [1½ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

91. I. *Notes by the same, that from* 1 *July to* 10 *Nov. he was in the Essex frigate upon the design to Newfoundland and the Westward; from* 10 *Nov. to* 1 *Mar. in the Portsmouth; and from that date until now in the Lyme. That when he was in the Assistance as Rear-Admiral to Gen. Penn, in the Portland fight, he had* 14*s. a day, in the Resolution and Swiftsure* 17*s., and as Rear-Admiral of the Red in the Marston Moor* 14*s. a day.* [⅔ *page.*]

May 28. **92.** Bond of Thos. Bradley, of Nettlebed, co. Oxon, in 100*l.*, that within a month after a warrant granted therefor, he will prosecute and present to his Highness one or more of 3 discoveries to the value of 50,000*l.*, on allowance of ⅕ thereof. Endorsed with conditions that the discovery shall be fair and legitimate, and one for which he and his friends will give 100,000*l.* if they may have the entire benefit of it. He has spoken privately to the Protector about it, and been before Council; and 2 counsellors, St. Nicholas and Broughton, were sent to treat with him about it. [2 *pages.*]

May 29. Note of a petition of Ensign Alex. Aspinall, referred to the Committee for Petitions 7 Aug. 1654, for payment of 12*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.*, balance of 50*l.* ordered him by the late Council of State 28 May 1653, for disbursements, losses, and service in Bardsey Island, co. Carnarvon, out of victuals in Conway Castle, which, on appraisement, have fallen short of the sum. Order in Council for a warrant for payment

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out of the contingent moneys of the army. Approved 1 June. [*I.* 92, *No.* 210; *I.* 76, *pp.* 103, 116.]

May 29. **93.** Petition of Dan. Sochon, French merchant of London, and other owners of the Prophet of Dieppe, to the Protector, for a pass for their ship to go on her fishing voyage to the banks of fishing near Newfoundland, not prejudicing the people of this nation, who are not accustomed to that kind of fishing, it being used only by the French. With reference thereon to Council 14 May 1655. [¾ *page.*]

May 29. **94.** Reference thereon in Council to the Admiralty Commissioners, to consider whether the pass desired will not prejudice the English fishing trade, and to report. [½ *page; also I.* 76, *p.* 104.]

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1. Order that Frost pay forthwith to Rob. Roberts the 40*l.* and the 78*l.* ordered him for Gen. Desborow's disbursements in his late journey, and for the charge of recovering the horses of Lord Chief Justice Rolle and Baron Nicholas.

2. Order—on report from the Army Committee on the petition of Watkin Kiffin, late receiver general of army assessments in co. Denbigh, about 700*l.* delivered to Col. Twistleton, governor of Denbigh Castle, for security at the Scotch invasion of 1651; as also on the petition of Col. Twistleton, this day received,—that the latter petition be referred to the Army Committee, to report by Tuesday, that the whole matter may be then considered.

4. Order,—on report from the Treasury Commissioners, on the petition of Mary Symonds, widow, certifying that by Order of Parliament of June 22, 1650, 25*s.* a week was payable to her out of Haberdashers' Hall, which was paid till June 24, 1654, and not since;—to advise that her arrears be paid up, and the pension continued. Approved 1 June.

7. Order,—on a note that the Governor of Portland laid out 54*s.* for removing the match, powder, muskets, and other stores from Weymouth to Portland Castle, on Lord Lambert's order of Feb. 20, 1654–5,—that Desborow pay it out of such Cavaliers' moneys as have been or shall be seized upon.

8. Order, on report on the petititon of Jas. Riddell, of Leith [*see* 10 *May* 1654], that the Commissioners at Leith discharge the oil and ship petitioned for, unless there be some other cause of detention. Approved 1 June. *Annexing,*

95. i. *Report of the Admiralty Commissioners on which the above order is founded.* 16 *June* 1654. [1 *page.*]

10. Order,—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners, that Cuthbert Morley's estate, being forfeit for delinquency, should be sold, and ½ go to the use of the Navy, and ½ to Laurence Maidwell, the discoverer, but there having been delays in the sale on pretence of incumbrances [*see* 2 *March, suprà*], the case was referred to the Treasury Commissioners, who on full debate directed the sale, which is not yet made,—to advise that the Drury House Trustees

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be required to proceed forthwith with the sale of the said lands, for the use of the navy and Mr. Maidwell. Approved 1 June. *Annexing,*

96. I. *Report of the Admiralty Commissioners alluded to.* 29 *May* 1655. [1 *page.*]

11. The account of Keylway Guydott, steward for managing the expenses of the Oyer and Terminer Commissioners for the Western counties, referred to the Clerks of Council, to audit and report what sum is due thereon, that it may be paid from Council's contingencies.

12. Order,—on an account by Mr. Jessop, that he has examined Dan. Wynne's account for his pay as Mews' keeper, and for coal, candle, and faggot for the guard there, and that 98*l.* 10*s.* is due to him therefor, and for his salary at 20*s.* a week, from 7 Aug. 1654 to 20 May 1655,—that the said sum be paid him out of Council's contingencies. *Annexing,*

97. I. *Certificate by Wm. Jessop, alluded to,* 25 *May* 1655. [1½ *pages.*]

97. II. *Certificate by W. Walker, that* 51*l.* 13*s. is due to Guydott on the said account, from* 7 *Aug.* 1654 *to* 29 *Jan.* 1654–5. [1 *page.*]

97. III. *Bill of charges for the horse guards, &c., from* 29 *Jan. to* 20 *May* 1655; *total,* 47*l.* 7*s.* 7*d.* [⅔ *page.*]

14. Order on report on the petition of the owners of the Peregrine [*see* 8 *Feb.* 1655],—that there is due to them for freight for their ship, taken up and employed in the Straits under Capt. Badiley nearly 5 months, ending 4 March 1652–3, 1,575*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.*; and that the ship when taken by the enemy was worth, with victuals on board, 2,318*l.* 18*s.* 6*d*; total, 3,894*l.* 18*s.* 3*d*, of which 1,618*l.* 15*s.* is paid;—that the balance of 2,276*l.* 3*s.* 3*d.* be paid, Parliament having declared that merchants should be paid for ships lost in the service. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 103–6]. *Annexing,*

98. I. *Report of the Admiralty Commissioners alluded to.* 28 *May* 1655. [1 *page.*]

May 29. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Commissioners for Prize Goods. On 6 April, you were ordered to sell the 3 Kings and her lading, and the goods of the St. John of St. Malo, and on the 16th, to pay the moneys arising therefrom on order of the Treasury Commissioners. You are now ordered to pay all the said moneys into the Exchequer, the former orders notwithstanding. [*I.* 112, *p.* 158; *I.* 76, *p.* 104.]

May 29. Plymouth. **99.** Jno. Page, Mayor of Plymouth, to Col. Jno. Clarke, Admiralty Commissioner. Knowing your favour to this place, I desire your furtherance of a petition to be presented to the Protector, from this town and other Western parts, by Fras. Hacker, for a convoy for the Newfoundland fleet, and the preservation of English ships against the designs of the French, who are now making preparations to surprise those trading there. We beg speed, as the season approaches. [¾ *page.*]

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May 29. Gray's Inn. **100.** Thos. Lamplugh to Jos. Williamson, Queen's College, Oxford. My negligence has no excuse in law, for Littleton, in his chapter on the courtesy of England, disapproves any breach of civility. My service to our cronies Beeby and Halton. I hope soon to see you, and then woe to the Buttery book! I am whetting my stomach with Gray's Inn commons, so I shall have a sharp appetite. Let me have a line on college affairs. [1 *page.*]

May 30. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on report on the petition of Jehosaphat Lucas [*see* 23 *May* 1655] that the Treasury Commissioners examine John Lucas' debts, and what part of the estate belonged to the petitioner, and report, that his Highness may sign such an order as in his grace and compassion he judges meet. *Annexing,*

101. I. *Report alluded to, signed by Fiennes and Wolsley.* [1 *page.*]

2. To advise an order that 500*l.* be paid on account to [Sir] John Copleston, Sheriff of co. Devon.

3. John Bradshaw, serjeant-at-law, to attend Council this morning.

4. The petitions of John Hook, gent., and Eliz. Dod, widow, for license to transport butter and cheese beyond sea, referred to Sydenham, Pickering, Jones, and Wolsley, to consider the whole business of transportation, and offer fit propositions to Council how to manage it.

5. The Committee on the arresting of some Customs' Officers to examine the business with effect, and report speedily.

6. Lambert, Sydenham, Wolsley, Montague, and Jones to consider the business of the Customs' Commissioners, as to filling up the void places; also to read some orders of the late Council of State, of June 8 1653, for the Customs' Commissioners to reserve in their hands salaries due to Col. Geo. Thompson and others, on their proportion of 4*d.* in the pound, to be paid out as Council shall direct, and to report.

7. His Highness informing Council that Mr. Barnardiston, and another merchant of London, have complained to him of the harshness of the Customs' officers towards the merchants;—order that the same Committee enquire from the merchants the grounds of their complaint, and report.

9. The order and declaration for an assessment of 60,000*l.* a month for 6 months, from June 24, 1655, to be printed and published.

10. Serjeant Bradshaw attending was called in, and his further attendance dispensed with, that he may attend the Sheriff's Court at Guildhall, and he is to attend Council this afternoon, when the Court has arisen.

11. John Browne to attend Council at Whitehall at 9 to-morrow.

12. The report from the Customs' Commissioners on the petition of the Muscovy Company recommitted for further consideration. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 107–8.]

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May 30. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Arthur and Rich. Caley and 11 others. Divers freeholders and others of Coventry have petitioned about differences between them and the city, about laying assessments and other charges, which his Highness and Council, desiring to compose in an amicable way, refer to you. You are to meet and confer with the persons concerned and others, for a full examination of the fact, and if you cannot accommodate it, certify to Council, stating through whose default you cannot compose it. [*I.* 76*a*, *p.* 73; *I.* 76, *p.* 108.]

May 31. **102.** Petition of Col. Rob. Bennett to the Protector. The Committee to whom my disbursements for the State was referred report a balance of 297*l.* 7*s.* 9½*d.* due to me. I have a less sum in hand, on an account before the Army Committee, who have no power to allow me the 297*l.* 7*s.* 9½*d.* on the balancing. I beg an order to them for a payment of what remains due, and a discharge. [¾ *page.*]

May 31. Order on the above petition, and a report of Whalley, Worsley, and Broad, for a warrant to the Treasurers-at-war to pay the 297*l.* 7*s.* 9½*d.*, or as much as remains due on his account. Approved 1 June. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 109, 116.]

May 31. **103.** Petition of the inhabitants of Motcombe, co. Dorset, and others near who attend preaching there, to the Protector. In your Ordinance of 2 Sept. 1654 for better preaching of the Gospel, you declared ways for the uniting and dividing of parishes. Motcombe has always been a parish, and had its officers, church, and tithes to support a vicar; the inhabitants are numerous, and the church in the midst of them, and on Dec. 3 1646, the County Committee divided it from Gillingham, the pretended mother church, on which a return has been made in Chancery for its dividing. We therefore beg that the Trustees for dividing Parishes may divide Gillingham from Motcombe, and appoint Thos. Andrews, who has been settled with us since 19 Nov. 1646, as our minister. 112 signatures, 1 only by mark. With reference 23 May 1655, signed by the Protector, to the Committee appointed for that purpose. [2 *sheets.*]

May 31. Confirmation in Council of an order from the Trustees for uniting and dividing Parishes, dividing Gillingham from Motcombe, and allowing the tithes and profits in Motcombe town and chapelry to Thos. Andrews, the present minister. Approved 31 May. [*I.*76, *pp.*110,112.]

May 31. **104.** Petition of Edw. Farrer to Council. The Commissioners of the Great Seal have presented to Bentham rectory, co. York, Rob. Lowther, who is rejected as unfit by the Commissioners for Public Preachers, and 7 months since, his Highness appointed me. I was approved by the said Commissioners, and made incumbent by an instrument under their registrar's seal, but Lowther detains the benefice. I beg that he may be summoned to answer his contempt. [1 *page.*]

May 31. Order that Lowther attend Council this day fortnight. [*I.* 76, *p.* 112.]

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3. The Army Committee to send into the several counties printed copies of the order and declaration for an assessment of 60,000*l.* for

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the next 6 months, to persons fit to distribute them to the Commissioners appointed to collect the same. Approved 1 June.

11. Order on report on the petition of Jos. Wallington, &c. [*see* 22 *May* 1655],—that after discourse with persons experienced in the burning of coal, and a return from the Attorney-General, they see no objection to the grant, with a salvo of the grant of 23 Nov. 1654 to John Copley, of an invention of making iron with charked pit-coal, paying ½ the profits into the Exchequer;—granting the patent as requested. Approved 1 June. *Annexing,*

105. I. *Report alluded to, signed by Jones.* [1 *page.*]

105. II. *Note of the grant to Copley alluded to.* [⅓ *page.*]

105. III. *Order in the Committee on the petition, that Martin Noel attend with some experienced coal merchants, and that the Attorney and Solicitor General attend at the same time.* 23 *May* 1655. [¾ *page.*]

12. Order on the letter of Mr. Maidstone and Mr. Waterhouse,—praying an order to the Excise Commissioners to allow 30 tuns of Spanish and 20 of French wine for his Highness' use to be taken up custom free;—that Pickering speak with Maidstone, and report.

13. Order on a report from the Army Committee on Col. Twistleton's petition referred 29 May, and on a former report on Watkin Kiffin's petition, that the horse quartered on Kiffin for non-payment of the 700*l.* to the Treasurers-at-war be taken off, and he freed from all charge of quartering; and that Desborow, Jones, Sydenham, Montague, and Mulgrave, consider the case, and report to-morrow. [*I.* 75, *pp.* 109–112.] *Annexing,*

106. I. *Report by the Army Committee on Col. Twistleton's petition, that they have given a full account of the whole case in their report on Watkin Kiffin's petition.* 30 *May* 1655. [1 *page.*]

106. II. *Report of the said Committee on Kiffin's petition. That he did lodge* 700*l. with Col. Twistleton, who refused to return it.*

That Twistleton's statement that he spent it in disbanding his forces is untrue, as he had army warrants therefor, and only spent 89*l.* 10*s.* 4*d. in keeping the garrison* 10 *days after disbanding.*

That Twistleton having repeatedly promised payment, but delayed it, on 16 *Aug.* 1654, *his neglect was certified to the Sequestration Commissioners. He then petitioned the Protector, who referred the case back to us, and on account of this reference, the Sequestration Commissioners did nothing.*

The detention of the money was very prejudicial to the poor receiver, and will induce others to get assessment moneys and keep them. Twistleton should pay the moneys,

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or his estate be sequestered on refusal. The interest thereon for 3½ years will be 150l., which will pay his balance of 89l. 10s. 4d., and leave him 60l. debtor to the State. [1⅓ *pages.*]

May 31. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Commissioners for the monthly Assessment for co. ———. His Highness and Council have passed an order for a 6 months' assessment, at 60,000l. by the month, beginning June 24, a copy of which is enclosed. They desire you quickly to assess your proportion, collect, and hand it in, that there may be a timely supply of money to pay the forces, and avoid the inconveniences which would otherwise unavoidably follow. [*I.* 76 *p.* 110.]

May 31. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Sheriff of co. ———, or the chief magistrates of the city of ———. Enclosed are several copies of a Declaration setting apart June 14 as a day of fasting and humiliation, in reference to the sufferings of the distressed Protestants in the Duke of Savoy's territories, which you are to send to the ministers of parishes in your county, and give a speedy account to Council of your receipt thereof, and of your proceedings thereupon. [*I.* 76, *p.* 110.]

May 31. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Major Peirce, at Exeter. His Highness and Council have authorised certain persons to take account of all moneys levied for the former militias in co. Devon; as the Devon Commissioners have appointed to meet at Exeter on Monday fortnight to execute that service, we give you due notice thereof, and require your attendance, with a clear account of all moneys levied in your county. [*I.* 76, *p.* 112.]

May 31. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Nich. Rowe. To the same effect. [*I.* 76, *p.* 113.]

May 31. **107.** Col. W. Sydenham to Cols. Clarke and Kelsey. I desire your speedy consideration of Widow Gill's case, referred to you by the Protector. [1 *page.*]

$\frac{\text{May 31.}}{\text{June 10.}}$ Westminster. **108.** Note of papers presented to the Protector by the Dutch Ambassador, respecting a ship of Edam, and other Dutch ships taken prize. [1 *page.*]

May ? **109.** And. Butler [Mr. Manning to Thurloe*]. I told you last week that Wilmot was landed at Flushing. He and the 2 Holseys came here on Monday, and Sir C. Lloyd since. Morgan and Blaney, who lived in Queen Street, are here likewise. Middleton and his gang were brought in from Munster in state. Gerard and Manwaring are coming back from Prince Rupert, who will be here in 7 days. The sword men encrease here, and so do the divisions. Tell me suddenly how to steer, and think me not extravagant in sending for money. To serve you well, I must now and then be able to serve Charles Stuart, and nothing would be more easy to you and pleasing to him than to give a little recruit to the Duke of Gloucester; daily favours are most significant. If you disapprove this, tell me some other way to oblige him. Speed your answer, and the Dover cypher, and new addresses for your letters. I try to advance your stock. Thanks for your last letter and my money.

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* The series of 11 letters, of which the present is the first, and which go on to $\frac{10}{20}$ July, are from Manning, a traitor in the Court of Charles II. They were all written in cypher, but the originals of only 3 are preserved. There are separate decyphers of all except that of $\frac{\text{28 June}}{\text{8 July}}$, the decypher of which was probably sent to press, as it is printed in Thurloe's State Papers, vol. iii., p. 591, being the only one of the present series in print, though several other letters from him are printed in Thurloe, vol. iii. His pseudonyme was And. Butler; the present letter is so signed. His salary from the Protector was 1,200l. a year, and he served 3 years; but after his detection in December 1655, he was pistolled in a wood near Cologne, by Sir Jas. Hamilton and Major Armourer. Thurloe, vol. iv., pp. 293, 718. —Ed.

Armorer and Page are landed in Holland. All these had not escaped, had you been ruled by me. Rombald, an agent in the late design, and Rogers with one eye know much.

I am glad you lay about you. Remember Denham, Lady Isabella, Hum. Painter the surgeon, Simon Potter at Lady Stanhope's, and Sir Lewis Kirk, who are weekly intelligencers here, and Wm. Richards, who lives at Mr. Trussels, Paternoster Row. Wilmot says the Presbyterian interest must do our business. He speaks well of Fairfax, Sir Chas. Howard, Sir Art. Hesilrigg, and Wm. Ashurst. Last post from Holland, Dolman offered the King his service; I wonder at this, also that I do not hear that Sir Rob. Byron, Compton, and Sir R. Willis, are taken. Let me hear of you weekly, and send me the news book. [*Decypher*, 4 *pages*.]

May ? Notes of petitions, all in *I.* 92, referred to the Committee for Petitions, on which no Council orders were given, in the following cases:—

Peter Van Deputt and Geritt Van Heythwyn, administrators of Hen. Rantsaw, for leave to discover and get in the estate on account, having letters of administration to his Highness's use. A Commission of appraisement was issued, but Mr. Carpenter, in whose house Rantsaw died, refuses to deliver some of the estate. "Not signed by the petitioner, and the business done." [*No.* 254.]

Sam. Hall, keeper of the Marshalsea Prison, for 9*l.* disbursements for Hebditch, Doran, and Roche, prisoners. "Not referred, examined and paid out of contingencies." [*No.* 256.]

Walter Athy, merchant, for license to transport to Jersey 10 packs of English wool, and 10 tons of raw hides. "Not referred." [*No.* 257.]

Edm. Squibb, for examination of his title to a second teller's place, and suspension of the order for delivering his house to Maj. Horseman. [No. 260.]

Hugh Morrell, for license to transport French goods from Bordeaux to Morlaix in a Holland ship. "Nothing to be done." [*No.* 268.]

John Southern, mariner of London, for letters of reprizal against the French for the Dispatch, value 2,000*l.*, taken by them. "Not to be granted, being referred to Commissioners." [*No.* 270.]

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1655. May ? Capt. Wm. Peirce of a privateer, for hearing, and restitution of a vessel laden with French goods, which he took, but is imprisoned by a Council order, at the prosecution of the master of the vessel. [*No.* 282.]

Barth. Perkins, for pardon; was convicted for coining, but reprieved, having discovered many guilty. "Not referred." [*No* 286.]

Rob. Manley, merchant of London, for release on bail or a speedy hearing; suffers in credit and affairs, being committed by Council's order for matters relating to debentures. [*No.* 287.]

John Mead, and others interested in the Crowned Lion, taken by the French in her way from Barbadoes to Genoa, that the ambassador may be requested to advise his master to restore the ship. [*No.* 294.]

Jas. Symes, to be continued an auditor of the Exchequer. [*No.* 295.]

Jas. Pickering, for a hearing, on certificate of Dr. Walker on a difference with Mich. Cruger; had letters of marque against the French. "Not referred." [*No.* 297.]

Lewis Davis, his Highness's waterman, for renewal of a Council of State order to apprehend and bring before Council such as abuse him much for discovering Lord Capel. [*No.* 298.]

Company of the Samson, for satisfaction for 26 chests of sugar, &c., lost through the King of Portugal, and that their accounts may be adjusted according to proofs in the Admiralty. [*No.* 300.]

Capt. Jacob Reignolds, for a pass for the Culpepper, alias Good Hope, belonging to merchants of London, lately come from Cadiz to Dunkirk, where she is lading for Cadiz. [*No.* 301.]

Rich. Huett, for license to export 500 barrels of perishing butter. [*No.* 302.]

Wm. Catlin, preacher at Cramb, co. York, for leave to live in a small cottage and receive his dues; has great difficulty in getting in his tithes; gives the names and characters of his opposers. [*No.* 307.]

Walter Vernon, to be brought to answer, being committed for having arms sent to his house. "Out on bail." [*No.* 308.]

Elizabeth, widow of Adjudant Pujade, for 7 years' advance of her pension allowed by Parliament of 5*s.* a week, to pay her debts. [*No.* 318.]

City of Lichfield, for settlement on Wm. Langley, their minister, by authority of Parliament, of 150*l.* a year for his maintenance and encouragement. [*No.* 324.]

William Langley, minister of Lichfield, for discharge of the suspension of his augmentation, ordered 3 March 1653–4 on misinformation. [*No.* 325.]

John White, for relase on bail, being sick; was committed to the Serjeant in Dec. 1654, for false debentures. [*No.* 332.]

Randall Proudlove, minister of Holt, co. Denbigh, for payment of 100*l.* a year appointed him, and continued till March 1653, as long as the Act for propagating the Gospel in Wales was in force; is continuing his labours without salary. [*No.* 335.]

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May ? Major Thos. Chamberlain, for leave to bring in some capers, which he ordered his factor to ship at Marseilles, but there being no English ship there, he shipped 56 barrels for Holland, and the goods are damageable. [*No.* 338.]

Capt. Elias Walley, for license to export 1,000 barrels of butter. [*No.* 341.]

Hannah Read, that her husband's loss of 150*l.* 17*s.* by the Portuguese may be adjusted and paid; the owners of the Genoa merchant, on which he was master's mate, have agreed with the Portugal Commissioners without privity of the English Commissioners. [*No.* 345.]

May ? Papers relating to debts due for public service, probably connected with the discovery of counterfeit debentures, viz.,—

Certificates of sums due for service to the State in the artillery train in Ireland, which are entered in the accounts made up by Auditor Collins for the army in Ireland, July 1643, viz.,—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
110. Thos. Franklyn, wheeler, Sepulchre's, London, 6 Feb. 1654–5 - - -	14	8	2
111. Thos. Hewes, gabion maker, St. Martin's in the Fields, his widow Jane being administratrix, 12 Feb. 1654–5 - - -	20	19	0
112. Wm. Shakesheafe, harness maker, St. Giles in the Fields, 19 Feb. 1654–5 - -	19	1	11
113. John Stilgoe, master gunner's mate, he dying in 1644, and his brother Thomas being his administrator, as certified by Wm. Tibbs, 19 Feb. 1654–5 - - - -	36	1	11
114, 115. Geo. Tomlyn, carpenter, Newington Butts, Surrey; with certificate by the churchwardens in his favour, 26 Feb. 1654–5 -	14	2	4
116, 117. Thos. Smart, blacksmith, Olave's, Southwark; with pass by Col. John Borlase for him, 25 April 1643. 10 April 1655 -	8	14	2

118, 119. Deposition by Thos Howley of Duckinfield, co. Chester, that 57*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* is due to him, on an account prefixed from the Commissioners of co. Lancaster, for service from 1642 to 1645, and that no part is paid. With certificate by the said Commissioners that the debenture was entered in their register, and that Howley was no club man. [2 *papers.*]

120. Certificate by Wm. Tibbs, that in May 1655, the widow of Sam. Murray, who died in the State's service in Ireland, was appointed his administratrix. [½ *page.*]

121, 122. Like certificate, 23 May 1655, that in July 1651, Dorothy, widow of Fras. Ashwell, of Enfield, Middlesex, was appointed his administratrix. With resignation of her claims to her son, Edw. Buckley. Also Public Faith bill for 50*l.* lent by Ashwell towards the 40,000*l.* for relief of Protestants in Ireland. 16 Nov. 1641. [2 *papers.*]

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June 1. **1.** Petition of Thos. Twisden, serjeant-at-law, to the Protector, for release, his health and liberty being the only subsistence of a wife and 11 children. Regrets that what he said in his client's cause should excite his Highness' displeasure. Never intended to provoke to sedition or discontent. Noted as returned by his Highness. [1 *page.*]

June 1. **2.** Petition of Wadham Windham to the Protector. Has felt the heavy hand of his displeasure by a tedious imprisonment. Begs pardon for whatever was spoken by him in his client's cause that has given offence. Never meant to encourage sedition or disturb the Government. Begs release. Noted as returned by his Highness. [⅔ *page.*]

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3. The Customs' Commissioners to allow the goods, provisions, &c., of Lord Hen. Cromwell to be shipped by his agents on the Blessing or Primrose for Ireland, and to pass custom free.

4. The petition of Col John Humphrey referred to Col. Clarke, Col. Goffe, and Lieut.-col. Kelsey, to learn from him if his occasions will stand with a present engagement in the Western expedition; and if they find he will be ready in time not to hinder the voyage, to treat with him about terms.

6. Order on report on the petitions of Col. Twistleton and W. Kiffin [*see* 31 *May, supra*] that Twistleton pay the 200*l.* therein named, in order that Kiffin may pay it in; that Twistleton be liable to the charge incurred for non-payment by quartering; but that when he has paid it in, the sums due to him shall be considered on application. *Annexing,*

> **3.** I. *Report alluded to, signed by Desborow and Jones.* [1 *page.*]

7. The petition of Tobias Calley, mariner of Topsham, co. Devon, referred to the French Treaty Commissioners, that provision may be made for his release, or if not, a report made.

11. Approval by the Protector of 11 orders, from 25 to 31 May.

10, 12. Sydenham, Montague, Jones, and Mulgrave, to consider the report of the Lord Mayor of London and other treasurers of the collection to be made for the Savoy Protestants, and draw up instructions for its management, which shall be annexed to the Declaration for a public Fast, and sent to the several sheriffs; which were accordingly drawn up, approved, and sent to press. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 113–5.]

June 1. **4.** Instructions by the Protector touching the said collection. The ministers and churchwardens are, on the next Lord's day after the reading of the Declaration, to go from house to house in the several towns and parishes, and receive what each housekeeper and others will freely give, setting down the names in a schedule to be subscribed by them. The moneys and the declaration, endorsed with the account

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of the sum and signed, to be given in four days to the mayor, chief officer, or a justice of peace, who is to send them to Chris. Pack, Lord Mayor, and Sir Thos. Vyner, alderman of London, Treasurers appointed to receive them, and the ministers to certify the sum collected within six days to Hen. Scobell, clerk of Parliament.

Sir Gilbert Gerard, Bart., Sir John Trevor, Edw. Cressett, Phil. Nye, Edm. Calamy, Jas. Carill, Wm. Kiffin, Wm. Jenkins, and Thos. Harrison, to be a Committee to see that the money is paid in to the Treasurers, and disposed to the best relief of the poor Protestants, and give an account to Council. [*Printed* 1 *sheet. Also I.* 76 *A, p.* 64; *I.* 76, *pp.* 100, 116.

June 1. **5.** Bond of Jas. Robinson, merchant of York, and Sir Rich Grenville, of Fitzford, to Charles II. in 1,000*l.*, for performance of the articles and conditions on which a privateer's commission has been granted to Robinson. [1½ *pages.*]

June 4. **6.** Reference, signed by the Protector, to Council, of a desire (*missing*) of Commissary Gen. Whalley to have money for his donative in Scotland out of the Scotch fines, as others are to have, although he has omitted to put in his claim according to the time prefixed. [¼ *page.*]

June 5. **7.** Petition of James, Lord Coupar, to the Protector. On my last addresses against the fine of 3,000*l.* imposed on me by the Act of Grace, so far disproportionable to my estate or deserving, you ordered those appointed for mitigation of fines to examine the case, and give you a true account, reserving the determination to yourself. This was done, and it showed how much I am prejudiced by the fine, my estate being only 334*l.* a year, and my assessments above 100*l.*

Besides, I ventured my life at Marston Moor and Philiphaugh, protested in Parliament against the engagement in 1648, refused service in 1651, and have lived peaceably since, though the Highlanders have taken up my estate, and banished me my house, because I would not join with them.

Whilst I was hoping a discharge, I am fined 750*l.*, which is disproportionate to my estate and guilt, and to the method observed with others. I think your weighty affairs must have diverted your remembrance, or such a mistake would have been prevented. I beg discharge from fine, and means to subsist, so that I may serve you in future. [1 *page, signed.*]

June 5. Note of its reading in Council, being recommended from his Highness by the Lord President. [*I.* 76, *p.* 117.]

June 5. **8.** Petition of John Page, mayor, and other magistrates, common council men, and merchants of Plymouth, owners and adventurers to Newfoundland, to the Protector, for a convoy for preservation of their trade, which is of great importance, and they hear that ships are preparing in France to surprise them. 14 signatures. [1 *sheet.*]

June 5. **9.** Order thereon in Council that the Admiralty Commissioners provide two frigates to secure the English trade at Newfoundland, and send them away this month, if possible. [½ *page ; also I.* 76, *p.* 118.]

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1. Order on the petition of Sir John Stawell, that the Committee to whom it was referred hasten their report.

2. The petition of John, son and heir of the late Sir Chris. Bellew, recommended by the Protector, and presented by the President, read.

4. Order on report on the petition of Auditor Darell, that 50*l.* be paid him out of Council's contingencies. *Annexing,*

10. I. *Report [by the Commissioners for managing estates under Sequestration] to the Protector,—on a reference of* 14 *April* 1654, *of the petition of Auditor Darell for recompense for service of great advantage to the Commonwealth,—that on* 9 *Jan.* 1650–1 *the then Commissioners ordered him to deliver up the books in his hands relating to recusants, and he delivered willingly two books of convictions, three of seizures, one great book of compositions, and two rolls of Sir Geo. Wentworth's accounts, with their indexes, all of recusants in the* 11 *Northern counties, which have remained at Haberdashers' Hall, and been of daily use in showing the time of conviction, seizure, and composition, whereby many claims have been disallowed, the sequestration being before the pretended claims. They think* 50*l. would be a competent recompense for him.* 9 *May* 1654. *Endorsed with a reference,* 24 *May, from the Protector to Council, to find some way for payment.* [1¼ *page.*]

9. The debate about the fleet under Gen. Blake to be resumed to-morrow morning. The Admiralty Commissioners to attend.

10. The Treasury Commissioners to learn the facts concerning Oatlands Park, contracted for by Nich. Shuttleworth, and to report.

11. The Treasury Commissioners to authorise fit persons to enquire concerning the selling of timber in any forests in England, and to return an account to the said Commissioners, who are to report to Council, and meanwhile to preserve all forest timber, and to ascertain all profits due in respect of forests. *Annexing,*

11. I. *Report of the said Commissioners thereon. That the Act of Parliament allows the Trustees powers of sale, which it is impossible now to execute; it is difficult to dispose of the forests by lease or sale, and the profits are uncertain, by reason of the claims of interest to be satisfied. They think a trial should be made with the four forests. Also that his Highness' lawns and enclosures might be let, his rights in forests preserved, and wastes and spoils punished. That forest officers should be appointed, and also courts of attachment and swainmote.* 30 *Aug.* 1655. [1⅓ *pages.*]

13. To request his Highness to send a fit person to Sweden, with a ratification of the Treaty between him and Sweden. Montague,

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Sydenham, Lisle, Lambert, Pickering, and Mulgrave to consider in what equipage he should go, and what sum should be allowed him. Approved.

14. The petition of Col. Rich. Norton referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

15. Council to meet at 5 p.m. to consider the papers exhibited by the Spanish Ambassador, and Thurloe to have them ready.

16. Pickering and Sydenham to consider of fit persons to preach before his Highness and Council, on the day of fasting for the Protestants of Savoy.

17. The papers delivered by Pickering, being returns by the Commissioners appointed to examine complaints of tenants against Popish and malignant Landlords, to be considered on Thursday.

18. Order on petition of Maj. Dan. Redman,—showing that divers of his troops that came from Ireland are 36 in each troop above the number of the establishment in Ireland, viz., 80 in a troop, and this by special order of the Lord Deputy;—that the Army Committee order the War Treasurers to pay the supernumeraries their arrears, and continue their pay till further order.

19. Order that the troops of horse lately come from Ireland be paid from 22 January to 14 May last, as much as will equal their pay to that of the forces in England, as was formerly granted to the foot from Ireland, and the Army Committee are to issue warrants for their payment. Approved 5 June.

20. The Treasury Commissioners who are members of Council, and Lambert and Fiennes, to consider and prepare something to offer to Council, for better collecting excise and custom in Scotland.

21. Pickering, Mulgrave, Wolsley, Skippon, and Rous, to consider the settling of preachers at Whitehall.

22. The paper from Mr. Harrison, Brewster, Emirald, Charnock, Clarkeson, Benton, Folke, Leonard Hore, Isaac Chancy, Staughton, Lee, and Wells, sen. and jun., ministers going to Ireland, referred to Pickering and Sydenham, to look at their certificates, and that of Rob. Childe, and to report.

23. Order on Wolsley's announcement that Serjeant Glynn has prepared a conveyance for Lord Broghill, and has certified it under his hand, that the same be perfected, signed, and sealed. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 117–120.]

June 5. Hull.

12. Major Hugh Bethel, Rob. Ripley, mayor, Mat. Locke, Thos. Somerscales, and Jos. Drake, to Lord Lawrence, President, and the Council of State. On your order of 25 May last, we have viewed Major Rich. Elton's repairs in this garrison, and his bill and receipts, and find the work necessary and well done, and his accounts reasonable, and that the mayor has been a very good husband for the State. The bill is 87*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.* [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*] *Annexing,*

12. I. *Bill alluded to, for repairing the ropery, blockhouses, and breaches of the line; portage of ammunition; pressing*

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of boats to send away despatches; searching vessels for arms and passengers; a new boat for the soldiers; and maintenance of prisoners committed by order of Council, and the Admiralty and Navy Commissioners. Total, 87*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.* [⅔ *page.*]

June 6. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Great Seal Commissioners to attend his Highness at 6 p.m. with the seal.

2. To advise, on the report on Col. John Humphrey's petition, the payment to him of 250*l.*, on account of arrears due by 2 debentures stated at Worcester House.

3. **12***a*. Order on the Admiralty Commissioners' report of the great care taken by Tho. Smith, Maj. Rob. Thomson Ed. Hopkins, Peter Pett, Maj. Neh. Bourne, and Fras. Willoughby, Navy Commissioners, in despatching several great fleets to sea since Jan. 1653–4, that they be allowed 150*l.* each. [*I.* 76, *p.* 121.]

June 7. Council. Day's Proceedings.

2. The question whether the report from the Committee on transporting butter and cheese beyond sea should be agreed with passed in the negative.

3. Order for licenses for export of butter and cheese from all parts of the nation, on payment of the customs in the book of rates.

5. Order,—on Montague's report from the Committee on the sum to be advanced for the man going to Sweden with the ratification of the treaty,—that 200*l.* be paid him from Council's contingencies.

7. Order on a letter from the Magistrates of Scarborough of 21 May—requesting payment of 7*s.* a week for the expenses of John Great, committed prisoner by them,—for a letter to Col. Lilburne [*see next page*], and for payment of disbursements by Mr. Jessop.

8. Order on a reference from his Highness of 2 May, that Capt. John Blackwell, jun., Capt. Rich. Deane, and Wm. Rowe call John Aylwin to account for money advanced to him to buy corn for the forces in Scotland, as they have lately received and stated the like accounts for Ireland, and report what balance is in his hands, that order may be taken for the payment, and he duly discharged.

9. Order on a like reference, that 20*l.* be paid by Frost to Jas. Chetwind, for transcribing accounts, contracts, &c., relating to Ireland and Scotland, according to a certificate annexed. *Annexing,*

13. i. *Reference from the Protector, of* 2 *May* 1655, *on which the* 2 *preceding orders are grounded.* [⅔ *page.*]

13. ii. *Certificate by Blackwell, Deane, and Rowe, that they employed Chetwind* 3 *months on the said work without salary.* 10 *June* 1654. [1 *page.*]

13. iii. *Proposal for payment of Chetwind without expense, by calling to account John Aylwin, of Goring, Sussex, the only agent employed to buy provisions for Ireland or Scotland who has not accounted. He bought corn for Scotland in* 1651, *and has* 60*l.* *in hand. He should be*

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sent for by a messenger, and called to account, and as this will bring in triple the sum, Chetwind should forthwith be paid 20l. from Councils' contingencies. Endorsed with a draft of the order of 2 May. [1½ *sheet.*]

10. Order that Jessop present to Council a particular of the sums lent to army officers out of Council's contingencies, on the breaking forth of the late insurrection.

11. Order for a letter to all officers of foot in cos. Worcester, Gloucester, and Hereford. [*See below.*] *Annexing,*

14. I. *Draft of the above order corrected.* [¾ *page.*]

15. **15.** The petition of Jos. Cubitt of Dartmouth, concerning 40*l.* 15*s.* 7*d.*, alleged to have been disbursed by him in the fleet's service during his mayoralty, according to Council of State order of May 22, 1652, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to order payment if proper, and report. Approved 20 June.

16. Wolsley and Sydenham added to the Committee on the petition of Nich. Green, Wm. Shute, and Thos. Coleman.

18. Order for licenses for export of corn, on payment of customs according to the book of rates. Approved 7 June. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 122–125.]

June 7. Whitehall. 19. Pres. Lawrence to Col. Rob. Lilburne. Council learns from the mayor, &c., of Scarborough that John Great was taken up on suspicion, on his landing there during the late rebellion, and is since detained; you are to examine him, and give order for his release, bail, or otherwise, as you shall see cause. [*I.* 76, *p.* 125.]

[June 7.] **16.** Reasons offered to the Commissioners appointed to execute the Act against the planting of tobacco, why no tobacco should be planted in England. It occasions the confluence of 1,000 dissolute persons, who only labour quarter of the year. It injures the soil for miles round. It has injured the trade of the city of Gloucester and other market towns. The use of it breeds disease, as it cannot in this climate be so cured as to be fit for use. It is therefore hoped that there will be no order for preservation of the tobacco now planted. [1 *page.*]

June 7. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the officers of horse and foot in cos. Worcester, Gloucester, and Hereford. His Highness and Council passed an Ordinance, 11 April 1654, requiring Sir Wm. Roberts, John Stone, Gervase Bennett, Adam Baynes, and John Bocket to execute the Act of 1 April 1652, prohibiting the planting of tobacco in England; and hearing that unruly persons in your counties, and in co. Warwick and other parts, persisted in planting it, to the injury of navigation and the English plantations, they have renewed the orders against it. You are therefore to assist all persons authorized to destroy any such plantations in your county, and to suppress any tumults of people rising to oppose them. Your diligent care is of great concern.

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With note of like letters to cos. Salop, Stafford, Oxford, Wilts, Somerset and Bristol, and to Sussex. [*I.* 76*a*, *pp.* 128–9. *I.* 76 *pp.* 123–4.]

June 7. Chatham. **17.** Com. Peter Pett to Robt. Blackborne. I have taken the informations and examinations touching the embezzlement of the State's goods, and as some of the parties intend to fly to the Act of Oblivion, I hope it will not apply; if the business is followed up, much knavery will be discovered. Last week five fathoms of cable were stolen and found in a paper mill beyond the town. I have issued a warrant for apprehension of the offenders, and will commit them to prison, to be tried for their lives at the next sessions, it being direct felony, and necessary that an example should be made on such notorious and impudent offenders. I desire a summons for attendance of the persons accused before the Admiralty Commissioners, and will then bring up the evidence. Notes of ships. [1 *page.*]

June 8. Council. Day's Proceedings in his Highness's chamber.

2. Council to meet at ten next Monday, and consider the letters from France concerning the distressed Protestants in the Duke of Savoy's territories.

4. Council to meet to-morrow morning.

7. Order that,—as by Ordinance of 31 July last, all to whom lands in Scotland had been given, who shall, before 1 Sept. 1654, declare their willingness in lieu thereof to accept of money, to be paid in to Geo. Bilton, deputy-treasurer at Leith, as fines imposed by the Act of Grace for Scotland, at 10 years' purchase; and as Commissary-Gen. Whalley has had lands value 500*l.* a year settled on him, and has not made the said declaration,—he have liberty to make it before 25 Feb. next. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 126–7.]

June 8. **18.** The Admiralty Commissioners to provide 13 weeks' victuals for the 3,500 men who are to be continued with Gen. Blake.* [½ *page.*]

June 9. **19.** Declaration to the Protector by four senior aldermen, six assistants, nine common council men, and numerous residents in Colchester. Divers free burgesses have lately been seduced by the crafty insinuations of disaffected men to displace good magistrates, and elect others, either disaffected or unfit for government, so as to cause the place to be suspected of disaffection, and to cause jealousy in the country round, lest it should be again endangered. We therefore protest against these irregular and tumultuous proceedings, and still acknowledge Art. Barnardiston as recorder, Hen. Barrington as senior alderman, and Abr. Barrington as assistant, the persons lately thrust in having no right to their places. [2 *sheets*, 6 *or* 7 *columns of signatures.*]

June 9. **20.** Petition of Thos. Wade, John Frisbie, Thos. Lawrence, and Rich. Green, senior aldermen of Colchester, to the Protector. We

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* This Order, being secret, is not entered in the Council Book.—Ed.

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have long been magistrates, and done our duty in opposing profaneness and countenancing godliness, though so discouraged by froward men that we have often resolved to lay down our places, but were diverted, lest the honest party should suffer from our successors, since persons wholly unfit in point of ability, or religion, or sobriety, have been brought into the corporation. The present mayor is one of that party; the government is carried on contrary to the majority, and a commission has been taken out for a gaol delivery without knowledge of several of the aldermen, from which many of the county justices of peace are omitted, and some disaffected persons brought in. We beg provision for the future government of the town. [1 *sheet.*]

June 9. **21.** Petition of Thos. Reynolds, mayor, John Shaw, recorder, and the aldermen, &c., of Colchester, to the Protector. We were long "tossed and tumbled in the sad calamities of a civil war," but after spending much blood and treasure, and many prayers, our public enemy is vanquished, and we have peace and plenty and freedom, so that none, except those who are wilfully blind, but must conclude of your government, that "This is the Lord's doing, and marvellous in our eyes." We note with sadness that you have been troubled by some few discontented persons about the government of our town. If the papers presented concern our late elections, we affirm that they were unanimous and free, and not from malignant design; therefore we cannot suppose, what is reported in alehouses, that you will turn out the present mayor, and alter the election of their officers by the town, to satisfy the wills of a few persons. We are ready to give a full account of our proceedings, and beg confirmation of our privileges and enjoyment of our rights. With reference to Council of this petition, and that of the inhabitants of Colchester, 3 April 1655. [1 *sheet, with* 13 *sheets of signatures in* 2, 3, *or* 4 *columns.*]

June ? **22.** Papers relating to the said business, viz.:—
Articles presented by the ancient aldermen, common councilmen, and well affected inhabitants of Colchester, to the Committee on the above petitions, accusing the present mayor of favouring Malignants, disobeying his Highness's order not to turn out Art. Barnardiston, the recorder, permitting disorders, profaneness, and drunkenness, ruling in an arbitrary manner, neglecting public worship, &c. Also accusing Mr. Peek, the late mayor, to whom 60*l.* was paid by the governors of the Dutch congregation for their poor, of forcing them to take 40*l.* out of the 60*l.* in decayed cloth, out of his shop at his own rates. [3½ *sheets.*]

June ? **23.** Reply of Thos. Reynolds, Thos. Peek, and others to the said articles. [6 *sheets.*]

June ? **24.** Replication of the senior aldermen, &c., to this answer, accusing Barnardiston and Ald. Hen. Barrington of misconduct in their offices. [2 *sheets.*]

June ? **25.** Reply of Hen. Barrington to these accusations. [2 *sheets.*]

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June 7. Order in Council that Jones, Wolsley, Montague, Pickering, and Mulgrave, consider the declaration of the senior aldermen, common Council, and other well affected inhabitants of Colchester, also the petition of the mayor, high steward, recorder, aldermen, free burgesses, and inhabitants of Colchester, examine witnesses about the difference set forth, and report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 129.]

June 9. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1, 2. Order—on the petition of Susanna, widow of Dr. John Bastwick, for herself, 2 sons, and 2 daughters,—to advise a pension of 20*s.* a week. Also that Sydenham, Jones, Montague, and Rous, consider a way for her relief over and above her pension. Approved 20 June.

4. Order—considering the necessities of Dorcas, widow of John Brayne, lecturer at the Soake, near Winchester, and her 8 children,—to advise a pension of 30*l.* a year from 25 March last. Approved 20 June.

5. Order—on consideration of the pains taken by Edm. King, late servant to Col. Mackworth, concerning public affairs transacted by the Colonel as member of Council—that Frost pay him 30*l.* out of Council's contingencies, and that his Highness be advised to recommend him to some office at the Custom House, or otherwise.

6. A paper from Commissary-General Reynolds, concerning seals for the Courts of Justice in Ireland, referred to Lambert and the rest of the Irish Committee.

8. Order that 2,000 Bibles, of a pattern shown, be bought and sent to the soldiers in the West Indies, and that the Treasury Commissioners consider how money for them may best be provided.

12. Thos. Venner, employed as a help to the cooper in the Tower of London, to be discharged, and the Lieutenant and other officers not to suffer him to enter the Tower.

13–15. Order—on Lambert's report of the names of some persons apprehended last night in and about London—that Lord Newport, Andrew Newport his brother, Jeffrey Palmer, Francis Lord Willoughby of Parham, and Henry Seymour be committed to the Tower. That Sir Frederick Cornwallis, Ed. Progers, Thos. Panton, and Maj.-Gen. Ayres be committed to the Serjeant-at-Arms, and that John Denham be confined to a place chosen by himself, not within 20 miles of London.

16. Approval by the Protector of 5 orders of 7 June. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 128–130.]

June 10. The Marmaduke, Plymouth Sound. **27.** Major Robt. Sedgwick to the Navy Commissioners. I know you would like to hear of our being further west, but we lost 3 ships, which in returning to us, overshot Portland. We sailed from Portland on Saturday, have taken in a week's provisions, and expect our consorts, when we shall sail. We have some trouble with our soldiers and the commanders of the merchantmen, they are so strict and niggardly in their allowances. I cannot rationally content the men unless they have the same allowances as in the State's ships; they are much straightened for lodging, the ships being overloaded. [1 *page.*]

June 12. **28.** Petition of Chris. Ennis to the Protector. A large sum is due to me for service, and as I am engaged to go as Lieut.-Colonel to Col. Humphreys in this present expedition, I beg the same favour as granted to some others, of an advance on account, that I may provide for my voyage, and for the wife and 5 children whom I leave behind. [½ *page.*]

June 12. Order thereon in Council that 100*l.* be paid him from Council's contingencies. [*I.* 76, *p.* 133.; *I.* 105. *p.* 161.]

June 12. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order—on certificate from the County Committee of Dorset—to advise a pension of 20*l.* a year to Mary, widow of John Channing, slain in the service, on account of her poverty, to begin at Midsummer. Approved 20 June.

2. Order to advise a warrant for 12,951*l.* for 13 weeks' provisions for the 3,500 men of Gen. Blake's fleet.

3. The letters and papers of the Commissioners in co. Lancaster, to whom the business touching the tenants of Popish and delinquent landlords was committed, referred to Pickering, Wolsley, Jones, Strickland, Lambert, and Mulgrave, to consider and offer their opinion, and to wait on his Highness thereon.

4. A letter from the Mayor of Lincoln, concerning Col. Berry's claim to a seat in that church, read.

5. The petition of Hum. Jones, for his Highness, the State, and several who served in the wars against the late King, referred to the Solicitor-General.

6. A paper presented by Wolsley about marsh grounds, cos. Norfolk and Cambridge, decreed by a Commission of Sewers to the late King, referred to Wolsley, Jones, Pickering, and Sydenham, to call for and examine the persons, hear why his Highness' right in the lands should not be set out as ordered, and report. *Annexing,*

29. I. *Request on behalf of Col. Rugeley that,—as the Commissioners of Sewers adjudged to the late King the said lands, recovered by him at a cost of* 6,000*l.,—in order that the monies adjudged to Rugeley,* 13 *Feb.* 1653–4, *may be the sooner paid out of the rents of the lands, the owners of the lands may be summoned to show cause why the lands should not be granted, and that a publication in the churches be deemed sufficient notice.* [1 *page.*]

29. II. *Order by the appointed Commissioners, that they will hear the owners of the land in person, or by their agents, at the Council Chamber, Whitehall,* 1 *Aug. next.* 3 *July* 1655. [*Draft,* 1 *page.*]

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7. The petition of John Burniston, John Tuttell, and Thos. Bowles, received.

8. The papers returned from Exeter, on Council's letter, read.

9. A report from the Admiralty Commissioners, with an extract from Gen. Penn's letter of 17 March last, about the encouragement of seamen, referred to the Commissioners on the fourth part of the pay of those officers and soldiers, to consult with the Admiralty Commissioners, advise what is to be done, and report.

10. The petition of Chris. Riddell, *alias* Roshe, jeweller, read. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 131–2.]

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Cadiz.

30. Information that Gen. Blake with his fleet arrived last Monday, whereupon the Governor sent him some refreshments, and represented that he might come in, although by the capitulations not more than 10 ships could do so at once; but he excused himself as going for Sally, to force them to make peace, and then the English will be owners of all the navigation. One of his frigates took a Hamburgher bound from Marseilles to Newhaven. [½ *page.*]

June 13.

Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The letter from his Highness to Gen. Blake read, and agreed to be sent.

2. The petition of the fellows of Jesus College, Oxon, referred to Rous, Lisle, Jones, Mulgrave, Pickering, and Strickland, to report.

3. Order on report from the Committee on Gen. Penn's letter, concerning the encouragement of officers and seamen in that expedition, that they shall have the same encouragement, as to their share in prizes to be taken in those seas, as granted to officers and seamen in the war with Holland.

4. Also that a fitting provision shall be made, according to quality, for such as shall be maimed, and the relations of the slain.

5. The Admiralty Commissioners are to send these resolutions to Gen. Penn, that he may tell the seamen and officers.

6. The report from the Irish Committee agreed with, and the same Committee to prepare instructions and letters accordingly.

7. The petition of John Clench, for himself and other inhabitants of Stowbury, co. Dorset, referred to Sydenham and Jones, to report.

9. The Army Committee to issue warrants to the Treasurers-at-war, to pay, for the army and its contingencies, the 17,000*l.* ordered to be paid them on 22 May 1655.

11. In the order of June 5, concerning the troops of horse lately come out of Ireland, these words to be inserted: "together with such supernumeraries' horse as came over with the troops, not exceeding 36."

12. To advise that Justice Cooke be a justice of the Court of Upper Bench in Ireland, Justice Lowther Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, and Justice Donnilan a justice of Common Pleas. Approved 13 June.

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13. Miles Corbett to be Chief Baron of the Exchequer Court in Ireland. Approved 13 June.

14. To advise that Edw. Carey be a Baron of Exchequer in Ireland. Approved 13 June.

15. The 2 Lord Chief Justices and the Chief Baron to manage the business of the Chancery Court in Ireland. Approved 13 June.

18, 19. The Army Committee to issue warrants for 40,000*l.*, to be put on a ship chosen by the Admiralty Commissioners, and sent to Dublin for pay of the forces in Ireland, and the Treasury Commissioners to speak with the Army Committee thereon.

21. Thos. Keeling and Jas. Grace approved as servants to go to the Spa with Wm. Stafford. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 134–5.]

June 15. **31.** Petition of Fras. Carter, of Kidderminster, co. Worcester, to the Protector, for recompense, as being the chief instrument in the discovery of plotters against his Highness and the public peace, by apprehending Thos. Thompson, who discovered them, being at Wm. Webster's, at Amsterdam, when they were named, and Webster offered 30,000*l.* to carry on the plot. The matter has been examined before the bailiffs of Kidderminster and justices of peace of Worcester, and Thompson examined before Council. Was at great charges in the discovery.

The persons accused are,—

Sir Rowland Berkley.
Sir John Packington.
Sir John Lowther.
Lord Newport.
Sir Hen. Littleton.
Sir Wm. Robinson.
Wm. Fowler, of the Grange.
Mr. Soley.
„ Follett.
„ Beach.
„ Tyrer.
Thos. Metcalfe.
Mr. Alloways, minister.
Wm. Webster, merchant of Amsterdam.

Endorsed with receipt of 20*l.* for the service from Sec. Thurloe. [1½ *pages.*]

June 15. Council. Day's Proceedings, in his Highness's Chamber.

1, 2. Approval of Nath. Fiennes, member of Council, and John Lisle, as Commissioners of the Great Seal, to be used by either of them. By his Highness' command they were called in, and his Highness declared their nomination, and delivered the Great Seal over to them. Mr. Scobell read the oath, which they both took. [*I.* 76, *p.* 136.]

June 18. **32.** Thos. Lamplugh to Jos. Williamson. Let me know whether you will have a public Act at Oxford, and whether the scenes will be as well performed as formerly. If so, I will come and bring a lady or two, for whom you must bespeak handsome chambers in a private house near Queen's for a week or two. Direct to me at the Harrow or the 3 Pigeons, Gray's Inn Lane. [1 *page.*]

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June 18. Niton. **33.** John Langhorne to Williamson. I have written to your scholar, and shall send him a horse. Before he leaves you, I will give you some satisfaction, though far below the pains you have taken. [1 *page.*]

June 18. **34.** George Williamson to his brother Joseph. I have paid Peter 2*l.*, and send you 20*s.* Thos. Tolson and your other friends here remember you. My mother is ill and will hardly get through; she wants to see you before she dies. Send me, if possible, a signet with our arms on it. [1 *page.*]

June 19. **35.** Petition of John Fisher, Yeoman Warder of the Tower, to the Protector, for reimbursement. In June 1651, Col. Dan. Bolton was committed to the Tower, and Col. West, the Lieutenant, put him in my custody. I found him diet and necessaries till his discharge; but he was quite unable to pay me anything. I applied to the late Council of State, and was referred to the Committee for Prisoners; but the dissolution of the Council of State prevented my satisfaction. With reference thereon to Council, 31 March 1654. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

> **35.** I. *Bill of disbursements in* 1651, *for keeping Col. Dan. Bolton* 31 *weeks* 23*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*, *and Col. Dan. Sowton* 7 *weeks* 5*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*, *total* 28*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* 20 *Nov.* 1652. [1 *page.*]
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> **35.** II. *Order of the Council of State, referring a former petition to the Lieutenant of the Tower; endorsed with a note of Rich. Norton, that he knew Bolton to be very poor, and much in Fisher's debt.* 30 *Nov.* 1653. [½ *page.*]

June 19. Whitehall. **36.** Reference thereon by Council to Col. Berkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower, to examine, and report. [⅓ *page. Also I.* 76, *p.* 138.]

[June 19.] **37.** Petition of Katherine, widow of Lieut. Hugh Miller, to the Protector. My husband and son Edward, retiring after long service to Woodhouselee, co. Somerset, were besieged by Sir Fras. Dodington, who took the place, and wounded and at length hanged them. The Committee for the West gave me a pension of 20*l.* a year from Sir Francis' estate from Goldsmiths' Hall, which was paid till March 1653; but now they say there is a restraint, and they must have a new warrant. I beg one accordingly. With reference 5 May 1655 to Council, to order the continuance of the pension with arrears, on consideration of her extremity. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

> **37.** I. *Certificate by Rich. Sherwin that the last payment thereon from Goldsmiths' Hall was for the quarter ended* 24 *June* 1654. [¼ *page.*]

June 19. Order thereon in Council for payment with arrears. [*I.* 76, *p.* 141.]

June 19. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on report from the Committee on the petition of the City of London touching coals for the poor—that the City has long provided 4,000 tons, to be sold at easy rates to the poor of London

and Southwark; that they had a license from King James to bring them in free of custom, and the late Parliament exempted them from the impost of 1*s.* in the pound; this was acted upon in 1653 and preceding years; but last year the farmers paid their rent in full, without this defalcation, so that the City, though they provided the coals, had not that benefit; but it being only 200*l.* a year, it would not be well to discontinue it, and discourage so good a work—to advise a warrant to the Treasury Commissioners, to order the farmers to allow the import custom free of the said 4,000 tons, and to defalk the 200*l.* a year for the present and past year from their rent. Approved 20 June. *Annexing,*

38. I. *Report on which the said order is founded.* [1½ *pages.*]

38. II. *Order of the Revenue Committee for import of the said coals, custom free.* 21 *April* 1648. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

38. III. *Orders for allowance of the* 200*l.* 1649–1653. [1 *page.*]

38. IV. *Certificate by Thos. Fauconberg of the payment, by the farmers of the composition of coals in Newcastle port, of* 1838*l.* 12*s.* 6*d. rent for a year, without defalcation.* 25 *Dec.* 1654. [⅓ *page.*]

38. V. *Certificate by Wm. Wall,* 15 *years employed in providing the coal for London, that last year,* 1654, *it was provided as usual.* [¼ *page.*]

2. The Army Committee to issue warrants for payment of what is due for paying off eight of the 10 companies of 960 soldiers, besides officers, raised by Sir John Copleston, high sheriff of co. Devon, at the breaking out of the late insurrection, as two only of the companies are to be continued. Approved 29 June.

3. Order on report from the Committee for Petitions, on the petition of Col. Geo. Gill, praying payment of his disbursements and arrears out of 2,000*l.* said to be owing to the State by Lord Savile, that the same Committee (with those of the Treasury Commissioners who are members of Council) enquire whether the 2,000*l.* is owing, as part of Lord Savile's fine, and whether the petitioner's addresses are properly a discovery, and report.

5. To advise that—as the 550*l.* ordered 15 Aug. 1654 to Capt. Peter Backhouse for service, from fines imposed by the Act of Grace for Scotland, comes after other charges thereon, and payment will be dilatory—the money be paid from the Treasury, and that notice be given before payment to the Treasurer in Scotland. Approved 26 June.

7. A printed paper concerning an office for common farthings, kept at the house of Richard Abbot, in Threadneedle Street, referred to the Lord Mayor of London, as the issuing of them is without authority.

8. Order, on report from the Treasury Commissioners upon the petition of the inferior officers of the High Court of Justice, [*see* 28 *March, supra*]—for allowances and disbursements for 8½

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weeks, from 22 June to 20 Aug. 1654,—that a warrant be issued for payment of the following salaries :—

		£	*s.*	*d.*
Sword bearer and serjeants-at-arms,	4*l.* a week each	68	0	0
First clerk	3*l.* 10*s.* „	29	0	0
Second clerk and solicitor	2*l.* 10*s.* „	42	10	0
Clerk to the Commissioner of the Court	2*l.* „	17	0	0
11 guards, door-keeper, and crier,	1*l.* „	110	10	0
4 ushers and 4 messengers	13*s.* 4*d.* „	49	6	8
Gavill on his petition	- - -	4	0	0
Also bills amounting to	- - -	17	13	0
	Total	337	19	8

Annexing,

39. I. *Report of the Treasury Commissioners alluded to,* 15 *May* 1655. [⅔ *page.*]

39. II. *Note of the whole charge of the court, on which the said report was founded.* [1 *page.*]

	£	*s.*	*d.*
39. III. *Bill of Hen. Middleton, serjeant-at-arms, for a trumpeter, drummer, and eight troopers.* [*Scrap.*] - - -	1	17	0
39. IV. *Bill of Fras. Tyton, stationer, noting several articles, including a Bible in Turkey leather, which are to be returned.* [1¼ *pages*] - - - -	4	9	0
39. V. *Bill of John Embree, surveyor, for putting up hangings, matting the seats, &c., in the painted chamber, and altering the Court of Chancery for the High Court of Justice*	10	3	0
39. VI. *Bill of Clement Kinnersley, wardrobe keeper, for putting up hangings, placing chairs and stools, and making a great footstool.* [*Scrap*] - - -	1	4	0
	17	13	0

9. **40.** Order on report from the Army Committee on the petition of Thos. Parry, [*see* 23 *May* 1655] that Wollaston and the late Treasurers-at-war pay to John Blackwell and Rich. Deane, the present Treasurers, 438*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and that Parry be discharged from further prosecution therefor. *Annexing,*

40. I. *Report on which the above order is founded,* 4 *June* 1655. [1 *page.*]

11. The Committee on the petition of the officers attending the Commissioners of Articles, concerning their salaries, to hasten the report thereon. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 137–141].

June 19. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Geo. Bilton, Deputy-Treasurer at Leith. It was directed, by an order of Aug. 15, 1654, that the Treasurer of fines imposed by the late Ordinance of Pardon on the Scotch should pay Capt. Peter Backhouse 550*l.* You are now directed not to do so, as it is to be paid out of his Highness' Exchequer; and that there may be certainty that you have not paid, nor will pay the same, send in your account at once. [*I.* 76, *p.* 141.]

June 19. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Lord Mayor of London. His Highness and Council send you a printed paper importing that certain persons have issued farthings which are countenanced by public authority, though they have received no such stamp, but rather the contrary; as these proceedings prejudice the State, you are to examine the matter, and proceed against offenders according to law. [*I.* 76, *p.* 141.]

June 20. **41.** Petition of John Clench, for the inhabitants of Stowbury, co. Dorset, to the Protector. In 1643 we willingly permitted our town of 100 families to be burned, to preserve the Parliament garrison at Wareham, even when the late King's forces were most prevalent in the county, and thus we lost 3,000*l.* and are ruined. We were unwilling to trouble the State till their troubles were over; but we then addressed you, and were referred to the late Parliament, whose multiplied business would not admit private debates, so we return to you. Little can be expected by brief, since the malevolent in all counties will say this ought to be paid on the public account, unless the brief were largely extended, as it was to Marlborough.

The truth of our petition is known to Col. Sydenham, Sir A. A. Cooper, John Trenchard, Cols. Bingham and Fitzjames, and Denis Bond. We refer to your wisdom for the way of our relief. With reference to Council, 9 June 1655. [1 *page.*]

June 20. Order thereon in Council that 500*l.* be allowed them from any discoveries of concealed estates to be made by them. [*I.* 76, *p.* 142.]

June 20. Council. Day's Proceedings.

2. Form of a license for transporting corn, there being an overplus above consumption, on payment of 4*d.* per quarter to the Customs' Commissioners, which sum will be allowed on their accounts, and they discharged from further proportion. Approved 20 June.

4. Approval by the Protector of eight orders. 7–20 June. [*I.* 76, *p.* 142.]

June 20. London. **42.** Commissioner Peter Pett to [Robt. Blackborne]. I send the examinations of persons charged with embezzlement. John Alderson formerly informed against Paxford, the gunner, but failed to prove the charge; Mr. Hill says that, if he is indemnified, he will discover much knavery, and that Chris. Hill, of Greenwich, who is accused of buying powder of Rich. Leake, gunner of the Pelican, has got an estate worth 5,000*l.* by purchasing embezzled goods, and offered money to Hill, the searcher, not to be discovered.

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The examinations of Taylor of Maidstone, and Read of New Hythe, as to selling and buying 2 cwt. of cable, do not agree, as one affirms that it was sold at 7*s.* per cwt., and the other that it was given in exchange for 3 cwt. of brown paper; but I believe Taylor is right. As to the examination of Pett of Hoo, I think that I, or the other Commissioners, fined him for the same offence long since. There are several other poor knaves accused, and I have ordered them to be secured and sent up.

I acquainted Col. Clarke with another embezzlement of a cable, but as the delinquents were poor, I have bound them over to the sessions, where they may get burnt in the hand, that being the highest punishment accorded there; but if the Commissioners would rather try them at Whitehall, I will send them up. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

42. I.–III. *Depositions of Rich. Paxford, gunner of the Rochester, denying that he embezzled powder, or indented with the ordnance officers for any for* 15 *years past. Also deposition of John Alderson and others, to prove that And. Jackson, gunner of the James, then living at Chatham, embezzled powder and shot, which was taken to London and disposed of; also that Rich. Leake, gunner of the Pelican, sent up* 19 *barrels of powder and* 500 *of shot in Hen. Dunning's Hoy to Chris. Hill, a waterman of Greenwich. With Jackson's denial of the charge.* [3 *papers.*]

June 21. / July 1. Cologne. **43.** [Mr. Manning to Thurloe.] Wilmot says, to confirm Sir R. Willis's being one of the Council at London, that when you made him prisoner at the time of Gerard's death, being [aware ?] of Bellasis' intimacy with Lambert, he thought he had betrayed him, and sent him a challenge.

Armorer met Lovel in London. None that were engaged have escaped but those I told you of, and Thomson, now at Antwerp. You take the right course, and have struck a panic into them all. If you could stop their correspondence, you would hinder their cabals in Holland. Their only hope is that, having made peace with France, you will break with Spain. Remember Cols. Fras. Lovelace and Edw. Villars, and Mr. John Denham.

I hope you will reward me; having seen the wickedness of those here, I resign myself wholly to you. The Princess Royal, Prince Rupert, and Lord Craven, are expected next week; the Protector's being crowned is believed. Pray remember about the Duke of Gloucester; I am confident you have hindered the Protector's murder by your diligence. [*Decypher,* $2\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*]

June 22. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Council to debate next Tuesday the business touching godly ministers being ejected or interrupted in possession of their livings, by proceedings at common law, though put in by order of Parliament, on the sequestration of the former incumbent.

2. Order—on a paper signed Francis Hodges, to the Committee who are to give orders concerning the pay of officers and soldiers under

June 22. Council. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

Gen. Venables to their wives and assignees,—to advise payment to Hodges, the Treasurer, of 3,000*l.* on account, which he and Mr. Bowes are to issue out to wives and assignees showing just claims, and if they find any claims doubtful, to refer them to the Committee named on May 10, 1655, and act on their report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 143.]

June 22./July 2. Cologne. **44.** [Mr. Manning to Thurloe.] Major Rob. Walters, or his brother John, know most of the Northern design, and are now in London; Col. Fras. Croft and Capt. Craven were also engaged. [Rich.] Rose, Lord Wilmot's servant, who has a wart on the left eyelid, is just now sent to England, with letters or a message to put on the murdering of the Protector, and to return with an account how things stand. He may be met at Lady Wilmot's. [*Decypher 1 page.*]

June 23./July 3. Cologne. **45.** [Mr. Manning to Thurloe.] Your diligence in seizing your enemies gives great alarm here. Had you done it sooner, the escape of many might have been prevented. Dr. Earle's wife, and Mr. Elliott's, who may be known by her red eyes, are to bring over important letters. They dare not send men, the ports being so narrowly looked to. Malivery tells me that Sir John Malory was engaged, but being sick, could not be at the rendezvous. His cousin John Malory, with his men, was there. Col. Hen. Cheater was also engaged, but not there; Col. Owen is yet in London.

Wilmot told me that Lord Byron said to him that he was very much pleased his county had so much confidence in his little carcase as to choose him for their leader. I take God to witness, I deal truly with you in what I write. Col. Borthwick, a Scot, is come, and Balcarras is daily looked for. The murdering of the Protector is still endeavoured. All agree that nothing can be done without that. Remember Lovel, the Duke of Gloucester's tutor, now in London. [*Decypher,* $2\frac{1}{3}$ *pages.*]

June 26. **46.** Petition of the parishioners of Manenden, Essex, to the Protector. Sam. Sowthen, removed from our vicarage for drunkenness and other foul scandals, has, without appearance of reformation, intruded into the church and vicarage, on pretence that Parliament orders are of no force now, and put out the minister provided by the well-affected and Godly, who cannot contend with him because of the smallness of the living. Sowthen threatens to sue the inhabitants for all the tithes which, since his outing, they have disbursed to godly ministers, therefore we shall suffer greatly unless he is speedily removed. We beg help, lest the Malignants and irreligious triumph, and the Godly be saddened. 31 signatures. [*Copy,* 1 *page.*]

June 26. Note of the reading of the petition in Council, but no order. [*I.* 76, *p.* 143.]

June ? **47.** Petition of Sam. Vassall to the Protector. I have been unable, by all the means I could procure, to see you for a year, but you have heard my case and read my papers, and promised to move

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your Council in it. I daily expect to be cast into prison; if I am undone by the hand wherein was all my hope, it will aggravate my misery, and it would be a dishonour to this Commonwealth, of which I have so often been a public minister. I beg to bring in French wines custom free, in payment of my debt, &c. [1 *page.*]

June 26. **48.** Petition of Sam. Vassall to the Protector. To the same effect as that of 6 April 1654. I beg speedy help, or I and my 6 children must utterly perish. Let me have my money, which is already placed on the Excise, or else what is due for the service of my ships, and the rest out of discoveries to be made by myself or friends. With notes of Parliament orders, 28 Jan. and 6 May 1647, for payment of debts to him, total, 20,386*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.* [1 *sheet.*]

June 26. **49.** Petition of Sam. Vassall to Council. The Protector having referred my petition to you, I beg speedy relief. I have laid myself out for the good of the State; I relieved Lord Inchiquin's garrison when they were ready to perish, and unfurnished my ships for them; but though my debt was placed on the Excise, I have only received 1 year's interest. If I could have the residue of the money not ordered from the Excise from discoveries of concealed estates, I could not only be paid, but bring in large sums to the Exchequer. [1 *page.*]

June 26. Reference thereon by Council to the Treasury Commissioners, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 145.]

June 26. Note of a petition, referred to the Committee for Petitions, of Thos. Smith and other owners of the Anne Percy, for payment of 307*l.* 4*s.* 3*d.* out of the thirds of prizes. The first Prize Goods' Commissioners owe nothing to the State, but the present Commissioners are now to deliver up their accounts. Order in Council for payment from the Treasury, and for hastening the report of the Admiralty Commissioners thereon. [*I.* 92, *No.* 269; *I.* 76, *pp.* 146–7.]

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2. To advise a proclamation, acccording to this day's debate, concerning Godly ministers interrupted at law by persons formerly sequestered. Montague, Sydenham, and Wolsley to prepare a draft quickly.

3. Mr. Lockyer to be paid, as preacher at Whitehall, 200*l.* a year, from Dec. 25 1653, and his arrears to be paid from Council's contingencies. Approved 26 June.

4. The petition of Marmaduke Gresham and John Holmeden, referred by his Highness to Council, referred to Wolsley, Jones, and Montague.

5. The petition of William, Lord Chandos, referred in like manner, referred to Pickering, Strickland, Montague, to report.

7. John Price, appointed 5 March 1654–5 a Commissioner of appeals in Excise, in place of Hen. Elsing, deceased, to have the usual allowance. Approved 26 June.

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8. Wolsley, Sydenham, and Strickland to read the returns made on Council's reference, concerning the carriage of the mayor and others of Southampton, and to report.

9. Order on report on M. Blondeau's petition, to advise payment of 100*l.* towards his expenses in preparing engines for the Mint in Ireland. *Annexing,*

50. I. *Report alluded to by Pickering and Jones.* [½ *page.*]

11. Order on report from the Committee on a former report on a petition of the alum and copperas makers—that whereas it is complained that the excise, being heretofore payable by the first buyer, was remitted in case of export, yet now that it is paid by the maker, the Excise Commissioners refuse to return it—that if it be exported within 6 months of payment of excise, the excise shall be repaid. Approved 29 June. *Annexing,*

51. I. *Draft of the said order corrected.* [2 *pages.*]

14. Approval by the Protector of 3 orders, 19–26 June. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 144–7.]

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52. [Mr. Manning to Thurloe.] Your severe proceedings seem terrible to your enemies here. Let me know your prisoners, and I will serve you about those you would have enquired after. On these great alarms a Council was called, and an account taken of every man's intelligence concerning your proceedings, and of those lords which you have lately taken. Some write that the Protector intends to be speedily crowned; others that he will issue a declaration establishing the legislative power in himself; this will be more pleasing to the sword-men, and will abolish Parliaments, which cannot be chosen without faction, the malcontents being easily to be worked upon by Charles Stuart and his party; this last is most feared. They know not here what resolutions to take, except to murder the Protector, which will soonest cause commotion. Rich. Rose has gone to England with additional encouragements to Stephens and others speedily to effect it.

Many from hence land in Essex, where Wilmot shipped himself. We hear that you intend to send many lords and men of quality to the Indies. Tell me the truth of this, and the list of your prisoners; it need not be written in cypher.

You may find Col. Wm. Owen at Wm. Morgan's chamber in Gray's Inn; both were in the late design. The death of Lord Herbert of Cherbury is much lamented. As to the Northern engagement, Major Rob. Walters, who was here incog. before the King's last removal, his brother John, and Capt. Wm. Barck are said to be in London; they, with Mr. Samuel and Chas. Davison, were much engaged in the late design. Sir Phil. Musgrave and his son Christopher, Sir Phil. Mountain, Sir Chris. Appleyard, Sir Wm. Blackeston, and Sir John Crosland had horses ready for the first day appointed for the rising, and were going to beat up troops, when Malivery sent an order to stay, which he had from Davison and the rest of the cabal, Col. John Tempest, Holby, Major Adam Bland, and Col. Ralph

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Millet. Walter Strickland [*noted in the margin, a mistake in the cypher*] was the first man that disanimated the soldiers at the rendezvous, and persuaded them to disperse; and on his flight, met Col. Darcy with 60 horse, whose men, for the most part, followed Strickland's example, but Darcy went on; these were engaged, and Col. Branlin, who, I now hear, is a prisoner; this I hear from Malivery. The misfortune is imputed to Langdale's absence; he was promised, but not intended, he being not of Hyde's cabal, which made many fail to come to the rendezvous. I hear by Wilmot that Lord Allington, Sir Wm. Compton's son-in-law, was engaged, and in their cups, that he and most of the lords furnished large sums.

Since I made the proposals to you about the Duke of Gloucester, I fear you are angry, as you give them no answer. I take God to witness, I do it only the better to ingratiate myself in order to serve you. I know this to be the easiest way, growing services being valued here, whereas 60 times the sum at one clap would be soon forgotten. Pray answer this and my other letters. If you have not my intelligence so well digested as you wish, excuse me for I cannot copy it, but am forced to write immediately out of the cypher; but truths you have. Worden, we hear, has got to London. [*Decypher*, 7½ *pages.*]

June 26. / July 6. Cologne. **53.** [Mr. Manning to Thurloe.] Since I wrote to Mr. Browne, I hear from Fairfax that a messenger has come from England, a tall man in grey, I know not his name. If I could write to the Governor of Dover or Harwich, none could escape you. Lovel is in London; Holsey returns for England in 10 days. [*Decypher*, ¾ *page.*]

June 27. **54.** "An appeal for God and the Kingdom," *viz.*, petition of John Jones, gent., prisoner in the Fleet, to Council. I was most falsely traduced into the Court of Chancery by Thos. Edwards, a privileged person there, denied justice, and condemmed by the Commissioners for the Great Seal, against law and justice, to the damage of 1,000*l.*, against which I appeal to you as Christian councillors, and demand justice, and that the Commissioners may answer as delinquents for rebellion and treason against God, the law, and the State, and that speedy justice may be done me, and I may be brought in person before you to defend my cause, and be restored to liberty, after 8 months' tyrannical imprisonment, having transgressed no law, nor wronged any by a pennyworth. [1 *page.*]

Substance of the offences charged in this appeal as rebellion, treason, corruption of the regal oath, robbery, murder, by imprisonment, and conspiracy against government.

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300*l.* in 1638, and reflections thereon. [*All in a book of* 30 *pages, small folio.*]

June 27. **55.** Petition of Susan Falkener, widow of a godly minister, to the Protector, for a license to export 500 barrels of butter and 20 tons of cheese, being in straits, and having the care of some of her late husband's children. [1 *page.*]

June 27. Order in Council for a pension to her of 2*s.* a week for 2 years. Approved 29 June. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 150, 154.]

June 27. **56.** Petition of John Clench for the inhabitants of Stowbury, near Wareham, co. Dorset, to the Protector and Council. Being a fellow sufferer in their calamity, at their request and at my own expense, I endeavoured their relief, and five quarters since, I applied to his Highness, who referred me to Parliament, they back to his Highness, and he to Council. I have since attended daily, and now find that the request cannot be granted by brief, as that would be dishonourable, nor from the public, as that would be a precedent. I acknowledge the equity of the result, but beg compensation for my losses and sufferings during my waiting, and an order for the poor inhabitants to receive satisfaction for their losses out of their own discoveries, at reasonable charges. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

56. I. *Clench's bill of expenses in prosecuting the business of Stowbury, in travelling, solicitors' fees, &c.,* 54*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.*, *which he believes to be* 20*l. below the account, beside the loss of his trade as grazier.* [1 *page.*]

June 27. Order in Council thereon that 40*l.* be allowed him out of the proceeds of the shallop taken by a vessel at Poole, and given by an order of this day to her setters forth. [*I.* 76, *p.* 151.]

[June 27.] **57.** Petition of Thos. Gallilee, merchant of London, to the Protector. To call the Venetian agent before Council, and enjoin him to send a copy of this petition to the supreme power there, and have an answer why they refuse to pay their debts. My only son Thomas spent most of his estate in buying and fitting out a ship of 300 tons and 24 guns, and lost his ship, hired by the States of Venice, in a fight with 27 Turkish vessels, of which Sir Thos. Bendish gave an account to the Turkey Company [*See,* 4 *June* 1653]. Yet the barbarous Turks rescued him from the sea for his matchless valour, and he has been ever since a slave to the Great Turk, without hope of redemption. The States of Venice confess by their agent a debt of 12,000 ducats to me; and though there is 1,600*l.* and 1,500*l.* more due, I only drew ½ the 12,000 ducats on the English Consul [John Hobson], and yet they refuse payment of my bill of exchange. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

57. I. *Bill of exchange alluded to,* 20 *Oct.* 1654, *with protest against payment. Venice,* 29 *Jan.* 1654. *Latin and Italian, partly printed.* [1 *page.*]

57. II. *Translation of the above.* [1½ *pages.*]

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June 27. Order in Council,—on Lord Lambert's presenting a letter to the Venetian agent in Gallilee's behalf—that a letter to that purport be prepared and presented to Council. [*I.* 76, *p.* 151.]

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4. The petition of Tobias Sollicoffers, for Joachim Laurence and David Sollicoffers, merchants and subjects of the Protestant cantons of Switzerland, and John Scrottering, senator of Hamburg,—with a certificate from the Commissioners for Prize Goods, and report of the Admiralty Commissioners, referred to Council by his Highness;—referred to Montague, Sydenham, and Pickering, to report.

5. Montague and Lambert added to the Committee on Capt. John Blackwell's petition.

6. The petition of Thos. Parry, Receiver-General of the monthly assessments, co. Cardigan, for allowance for his services, referred to the Army Committee, to allow him what is fit. Approved 29 June.

7. A report from the Committee for Petitions, on the petition of divers reduced officers who served the Commonwealth in the late war, and whose accounts have been stated by authority of Parliament, read.

8. Sydenham and Montague added to the Committee for Plantations, to whom it is referred to consider what was to day communicated, concerning the Jonathan's unlading at a foreign port when coming from the East Indies, and to send for Maurice Thompson and other owners and freighters of the ship, and report.

11. Order, on report on the petition of Nich. Green, &c., [*see* 22 *May* 1655]—that Trotman be enjoined to observe the order of the Committee for ejecting scandalous Ministers in co. Wilts, by yielding up the living before 20 July, and not interrupting Pichard therein; the justices of peace are, on application, to give their assistance. Approved 29 June. *Annexing,*

58. i. *Report alluded to, signed by Jones.* [1 *page.*]

58. ii. *Note of a portion of the report.* [½ *page.*]

12. The report on the petition of Henry Lord Herbert, and Wm. Minhere, for satisfaction for fee-farm rents worth 90*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.* a year, purchased of Minhere as issuing out of lands settled by Act of Parliament on Herbert, referred to trial in the Court of Common Pleas.

13. **59.** Order on Sydenham's report—that the rent of Mrs. Rebekah Giares' house at Weymouth, hitherto used for the State's magazine, was paid till Dec. 20 1653, and that 1¼ years rent is due, viz., 12*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*;—that the Admiralty Commissioners order payment thereof. Approved 29 June.

18. Sir John Thoroughgood appointed to receive the 337*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.* ordered on June 19 to be paid to the officers of the late High Court of Justice, and his name to be inserted in the order accordingly. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 147–151.]

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June 27. **60.** Request by the Trustees for Sale of Forest Lands, that the moneys due to workmen for fitting their offices, and other provisions, may be paid to Geo. Hooper, their messenger, to be by him distributed to the creditors. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

60. I. *Note by the Trustees of the sums due to the respective workmen for work at Worcester House, total* 280. 1*s.* 3½*d.* [1 *column.*]

June 27. Gray's Inn. **61.** Thos. Lamplugh to Jos. Williamson. You answered my questions at the same time that I asked them, which makes me a Pythagoræan, to believe the same soul can inform 2 bodies. I guess the being of your Act (like the *principia* of metaphysics), is very disputable; but Act or no, I hope to find you and your name on the Buttery books. I shall contract your name into a shorter syncope than ever grammar taught, and enjoin you a fast for a week or two. Mr. Richard has gone north, having his cousin Geo. Lamplugh's company to York. The ladies waver about coming [to Oxford]. [1 *page.*]

June 27. The Marmaduke. **62.** Major Robt. Sedgwick to the Navy Commissioners. I have sent up the best account I can of the extraordinary stores sent from Deptford, but will get a further account, as also of the awnings sent from Woolwich. I am under sail, but have had to put on shore, 5 or 6 men suffering from smallpox; the rest are in good health. I am sorry I could not take a solemn leave of you. I beg your prayers, that we may be sent out with a blessing, and be a blessing where we go. Our work is great; we need much prayer. [1 *page.*]

June 28. The Marmaduke. **63.** Major Robt. Sedgwick to the Navy Commissioners, I send an account of all the watermen aboard the squadron bound westward; but as some will have to be turned on shore as unfit, you may judge we shall be at a loss for want of men. I hope we shall recruit some here. I intended to send a full account of the extra stores received from Deptford, but finding them imperfect, will send it by the next post. I am now only waiting for a wind, our condition being good, and the soldiers contented, save a few who are willing to countermarch. We have lost a few, and 4 or 5 have been put on shore sick.

We have had a difference with our surgeons, who say they have nothing to do with the soldiers, and have no allowance for them. We apprehend that the merchant ships are bound to give the soldiers the same allowance of victuals as they have in the State's ships, but we know not the contract; the soldiers began to be discontented at being shortened, but I think the commanders will comply, though unwillingly. [1 *page.*]

June 28. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The Commander and other prisoners, taken in a shallop employed as a pirate for infesting the coast and trade of this nation, by Major George Scutt and others at Poole, to be carried to the county gaol at Salisbury; Scutt to see that they are sent, and the keeper to receive them into safe custody. [*I.* 76, *p.* 152.]

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64. [Mr. Manning] to Jer. Joselin, [Sec. Thurloe.] Letters are come from the King of Sweden, Marquis of Brandenburg, and Gen. Wrangel to Charles Stuart. None but he knows the contents. These are his friends.

Also letters from Prince Rupert advise that Bardi, the Duke of Modena's agent, was come to him, and had removed all doubts, so now in honour he must go that journey. He offers Lord Gerard to be his lieut.-general, and Craven to be general, and Massey lieut.-general of his ordnance. This is very private here. Charles Stuart hopes much to have foreign forces from the King of Sweden.

Major Jas. Holsey came with Wilmot and Arnet, one of Ascham's murderers, and they have gone for England. I wish I had a cypher with the Governor of Dover for these things. The murdering the Protector is still endeavoured, for all your severe proceedings, and the actors have large sums in hand to manage it.

Capt. Phil. Curtis is come from England. Let Lambert take care of himself, for it is whispered that he often goes to Wimbledon slenderly guarded.

I do not hear that you have questioned or imprisoned Lords Hertford, Seymour, Mohun, Maynard, Peterborough (?), Carbury, or Strafford, Col. John Russell, and many others I have named, who were deeply engaged: Musgrave was at first one of the Council in London; neither Col. John Covet, Sam. Sandys, Sherrington Talbot, Lord Coventry, his sons, and his brother William Coventry, and Lord Shrewsbury.

Middleton is designed to be sent to Sweden. Worden, Stephens, Dr. Lloyd, one of Charles Stuart's chaplains, and Lovel, the Duke of Gloucester's tutor, now in England, are all employed hence; I sent you word this week where Wilmot's lady resides. The messenger may be found. [2½ *pages. Cypher, decyphered; printed in Thurloe, Vol.* iii. *p.* 591.]

[I hear from Antwerp that I have no letter this week, which makes me fear mine miscarry; if so, let me have other addresses, or my writing will be vain.] *

June 29. / July 9. Cologne.

65. [Mr. Manning.] To Mr. Miller. [Sec. Thurloe.] Since mine of the 8th, we hear that Lord Ossory, who we feared was in prison, is at liberty. Lord Balcarras, and many Presbyterians are looked for here to-morrow. Wilmot says certainly that in the late design, Col. Booth of Cheshire was to have commanded there, and in Lancashire and North Wales, and Sir Wm. Compton in the Midland counties.

The Princess Royal will be here next week. I wait your commands, and I rejoice to hear that you take the right course and proceed so soundly. If any letters in the packets are found subscribed Gilbert Thomas, they are from Lord Cleveland hither. Ossory knows Stephens and his design. I told Gerard I could not imagine why Devonshire was imprisoned, unless for lending Charles Stuart money. He and Denham do not know what sum was lent. [1 *page. Cypher, decyphered.*]

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* This paragraph is not in cypher, and is omitted from the printed letter in Thurloe.—Ed.

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June 29. / 9 July. **66.** Decypher of the preceding. [$2\frac{1}{3}$ *pages.*]

June 29. / July 9. Cologne. [Sec. Nicolas] to Jos. Jane. I am surprised that mine of $\frac{19}{29}$ June and of $\frac{22\text{ June}}{2\text{ July}}$ came by the same post, I enclose a letter for 613[*]; pray expound it to him, and tell him such particulars in mine to you as you think fit. I marvel that strangers think much of our nation submitting to one another. It seems to me much more strange and infamous that foreign Princes and States should so basely crouch and creep to such an upstart fellow and rebel as Cromwell, who keeps all in them awe, and makes them, at a distance, and even in their own kingdoms, to tremble for fear of his power and displeasure. Why should any marvel that a people should be quiet, when he has so great an army to command them?

Scott, of Rouen, has a letter from Spain of 25 May, which reports that St. Domingo and Hispaniola had news of the English fleet being in those parts; they were at first much astonished, but are prepared for defence, so it seems Penn and Venables will have to fight for it. Most here think it would be best for the King that the English should prevail against the Spaniard in the West Indies, for that if they should be beaten thence, the Spaniard would not take any notice of the attempt, but continue his friendship with Cromwell.

I am persuaded Cromwell will take no other title till invested in the legislative power, which he will get settled on him by the army, city, sheriffs, &c., and then declare himself by what title he pleases. A little army of Presbyterians is coming here; Lords Balcarras and Colepepper on business of trust from the Queen. I know no Presbyterians who have suffered more for loyalty, yet some think they are the only propugnators of kingly government. I cannot tell why Jennett is discontented, he is no competent judge whose interest is greatest in England. Sir Marm. Langdale had 500 guilders from the King to fit himself for England the last rising, but some men are not to be satisfied. I marvel to hear the Earls of Northumberland, Leicester, and Devon are imprisoned, but I think they are only ordered to keep to their houses, as the Earl of Lindsey was. I wish my wife were out of England; she must be affrighted to hear of daily imprisonments. [$2\frac{1}{2}$ *pages. Holland correspondence.*]

June 29. **67.** Petition of Armiger Warner to Council, for indemnity against a bond of 800*l.* entered into with John Jeffryes, merchant of London, to transport 100 Irish to Virginia, which he was unable to perform because his ship was seized for the service [*see* 26 *June* 1654], and now Jeffryes has arrested him, and will have execution on Tuesday. The Barons of Exchequer have only power to relieve those who acted for the benefit of Parliament, and this was done since the dissolving of the first Parliament. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

June 29. **68.** Order thereon that Council think Jeffryes should forbear proceedings, but wishing to avoid extraordinary ways for petitioner's relief, request Scobell and Jessop, Clerks of Council, to call both parties before them, and accommodate the difference, or report through whose default they cannot do it. [⅔ *page; also I.* 76, *p.* 153.]

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[*] Name in cypher, key not known.—ED.

June 29. Council. . Day's Proceedings.

3. The petition of Katherine Stone, widow, and Henry Stone, her son, concerning their claim on the Manor of Skillingthorpe, co. Lincoln, referred to the Lord Chief Justices of the Upper Bench, and of Common Pleas, to report.

4. Order,—on report of the Committee on the examinations returned from Southampton against Wm. Higgins mayor, [Wm.] Stanley, alderman, and Ed. Downer, late High Sheriff of the corporation,—that they be brought in custody to Council, to answer the charges against them. Approved 29 June.

5. The articles against Higgins and several of the corporation of Southampton, exhibited by Nath. Robinson and Rob. Thorner for the well affected of the town, referred to Lord Rich. Cromwell, Rich. Major, Rich. Norton, John Dunch, John Hildesley, John Pitman, and Ed. Hayes, to examine the parties and witnesses, learn the truth of the articles, and report with the most speedy opportunity.

6. Sydenham's report of the draft of a declaration for relief of godly ministers, interrupted at law by persons formerly sequestered, read, amended, blanks filled in, and approved.

8. Benj. Master to have leave to print a Latin narrative, entitled *Sabaudiensis in reformatam religionem persecutionis brevis narratio*, &c., if he shall see cause.

10. Approval by the Protector of 11 orders. 19–29 June. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 152–4.]

June 29. Custom House. **69.** Customs' Commissioners to John Thurloe, Secretary of State. Having received from his Highness and Council an order licensing the free export of all sorts of grain on payment of 4*d.* per quarter, and that the Commissioners of Customs shall be charged no more on their account, we send a representation, which we should not have presumed to tender but for the reasons therein expressed. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

69. i. *Representation by the Customs' Commissioners to the Protector and Council.*

1. *That by* 3 *Charles, cap.* 4, *and the book of rates, it is ordered that* 2*s. a quarter be paid on the export of wheat, and* 1*s.* 4*d. on other grain.*

2. *That the Customs' Commissioners, by the Ordinance for their continuance, are enjoined to collect the same.*

3. *That they are obliged to pay the same into the Exchequer, and to charge themselves with it on oath in their accounts.*

4. *That if they only bring in* 4*d. on the quarter, the Barons of Exchequer will be obliged to issue process against them for the remainder, from which they have no legal discharge.* [1 *page.*]

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June ? **70.** Petition of Thos. Flood and Wm. Robinson, bakers, to the Admiralty Commissioners, for speedy payment according to contract. Owing to the sudden rise and scarcity of provisions, we lost 2,000*l.* by our contract with the Navy Victuallers for biscuit and peas. In November last, we contracted with them for this year's provisions, at 1,218*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* a month, but have received nothing since January, and there is now 6,000*l.* due. Our provisions and servants' wages call for a weekly supply, and our estates and credits are deeply engaged, for we accepted a low rate for ready money. [½ *page.*]

June ? **71.** Petition of John Walker, and 3 other brewers, to the Admiralty Commissioners, for payment of arrears. In Sept. last, we contracted with the Navy Victuallers to supply the fleet with beer this year, on monthly payments; but most of us have received no money, and some are behind of last year's contract, so that 8,000*l.* is due to us. [¾ *page.*]

June ? **72.** Petition of sundry brewers and bakers furnishing the Navy to the Committee for Navy and Customs. We should by contract have received 7,815*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* 31 March last, and on promise of punctual payment, we engaged our credit to deliver the provisions, but we have received no money, though on 18 April you assigned us the sum out of the first moneys from the sale of prize goods. Yet we note to our "exceeding grief and distraction," that there are other assignments, thereon, far exceeding the value of the goods. We beg not only payment of this sum, but an assignment for our second payment, which will shortly be due. [1 *page.*]

June.
London. **73.** Collection of Acts of Parliament and Ordinances and Orders of the Protector and Council, relating to the Excise and New Impost, calendared under their respective dates. [*Printed book of* 159 *pages, with table of matters.*]

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July 2.
Custom House. **1.** Customs' Commissioners to Secretary Thurloe. We enclose a remonstrance to his Highness about the export of corn. It is the same, except the 5th paragraph, with that sent 29 June last, and we beg it may be in lieu thereof, if that is not yet presented. We add the latter clause that so good a work as the export of corn may not be retarded. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

1. I. *Representation, the same as that of* 29 *June* [*see last page*]. *Adding,*

5. *Proposal that all exporters of grain shall, within a month, present to the Treasury Commissioners a certificate of the Customs' Commissioners or the collectors in the outports, of the quantity exported, the name of the ship, and the place to which it is exported, and that upon delivery thereof, the Customs' Commissioners shall receive from the Exchequer* 1*s.* 8*d.* *a quarter for wheat, and* 1*s.* *for other*

grain, which will enable them to pay their accounts according to law. [1 *page.*]

July 2. The Marmaduke, Portland Road. **2.** Major Robt. Sedgwick to the Navy Commissioners. The fleet has put in for water, but hopes to sail with the next wind. The men are all in health, and willing for the design. [⅔ *page.*]

July 3. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

2. The order of 9 May last,—for Capt. Manley to pay to Rich. Forbench 358*l.* for the postmasters on the Kentish road, for salary in carrying the State's packets for a year ended last Sept., the same to be defalked from his rent,—annulled, and the 358*l.* to be paid from the Treasury. Approved 3 July.

3. Order on the information and petition of several persons, for themselves and the Protestant cause,—setting forth that on June 28 last, in the new meeting-house at Paul's, commonly called Capt. Chillingdon's Church, John Biddle, in presence of 500 persons, maintained for some hours that Jesus Christ was not the Almighty or most high God, and has undertaken to proceed in the dispute next Thursday;—that the meeting next Thursday is hereby forbidden, and the Lord Mayor ordered not only to prevent its taking place by securing Biddle, but not in future to allow any such meeting in the above or any other place in his jurisdiction.

4. Skippon and Rous to examine the information and petition about Biddle, send for witnesses, and report.

5. No collections having been made in some parishes for the Savoy Protestants, Sir Gilb. Gerard and the rest of the Commissioners are to enquire which are the parishes, where the default is, consider how it can be supplied, and report.

6. The draft of a proclamation concerning persons sequestered from parsonages, rectories, and other ecclesiastical benefices, as passed by Council June 29, then presented by Mr. Scobell, and referred by his Highness to the Lord Chief Baron, and Attorney and Solicitor General, presented with their amendments, which were read, agreed to, approved by his Highness, and ordered to be printed. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 154–5.]

July 3. Whitehall. **3.** Proclamation by the Protector. Since the meeting of Parliament, 3 Nov. 1640, divers ministers, lecturers, and schoolmasters have been sequestered for delinquency, scandal, or insufficiency, by Parliament, the Committee for Plundered Ministers, County Committees, and Commissioners appointed by the Ordinance for ejecting scandalous, ignorant, and insufficient Ministers and Schoolmasters; yet many of the ejected have retained their places, and others have brought suits for their recovery, to the great discouragement of the godly ministry. His Highness and Council declare themselves obliged to take care that the ejected be not restored, but that those put into their places by authority be preserved in quiet enjoyment thereof. Therefore all the ejected are to give up possession within a month, and forbear any suits at law; and before 30 July, to release all such actions, and restore possession and profits to those appointed by authority. All who refuse conformity are to be debarred their right to $\frac{1}{5}$ of their parsonage, &c., and to be reputed disturbers of the peace, disaffected, &c., and so proceeded against.

Also since many persons, not approved by the Committee for Approbation of Preachers, withhold parsonages, rectories, &c., from those so approved, all who have been so appointed since 1 April 1653, and have not obtained this approbation, or do not obtain it before 30 July, are, within a month, to yield possession to those admitted according to the Ordinance, on pain of being considered disaffected, and proceeded against. No suit contrary to these orders is to be entertained in any Court, and no officers at law to be instrumental thereto. The sheriffs of counties are to cause this proclamation to be read at their respective assizes, that none may pretend ignorance. [*Printed*, 2 *sheets*; *also I.* 76, *pp.* 155–7.]

July 3. **4.** Report of the Treasury Commissioners to the Protector. We hear that the Georges, collars of S.S., and garters worn by Knights of the Garter, were, upon their death, delivered up to the late King; but those of the late Duke of Richmond and Lenox, and Earl of Pembroke, are in the hands of their executors; directions should be given concerning them. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

July 3. London. **5.** Jane Taylor to her brother Jos. Williamson. I will send you the pair of silk stockings you write for as soon as I possibly can. Make much of my friend who brings you this. [1 *page.*]

July $\frac{3}{13}$. Cologne. **6.** [Mr. Manning] to Jeremiah Joseline, [Sec. Thurloe,] London. Wilmot talking with Charles Stuart about the people of England, said Lord Winchelsea was as well provided and as forward as any in this last design, and as honest and ready as any. He keeps Sidney Fotherby, his agent, now in his house. Lord Balcarras came on Saturday; he is for the sword party, very high. Nothing is spoken of so much as his charging Middleton with treason, and Middleton threatens to charge him. By this you may see their divisions, so it is thought some other person will be sent for Sweden.

Sir Wm. Fleming is sent to Holland, thence to get to Scotland. He is of Middleton and Hyde's party.

Last Sunday Tom Killigrew came from Holland to prepare further for the Princess Royal, who will be here next week. With him came Col. Hen. Price, who is to reconcile Dolman with Charles Stuart, and to bring him into play. I have given you notice before of his application.

Capt. Talbot, a tall young Irishman, and Rob. Dungan, who was Ormond's page, and lately commanded Wogan's troop, after his death in Scotland, are to England, by way of Dover, to Stephens. You may see I much want a cypher for Stephens.

The King to-morrow meets the Duke of Newburg, and dines with him near this town. Both go next day to Bonn to the elector of this place. These two often solicit Spain for the King, for it is believed you will make an absolute breach with that crown. At Rome, Cardinal de Retz is his chiefest advocate, and very great friend.

Malivery, Breames, and Blaney went yesterday for Holland, whence Lords Colepeper and Taaffe are expected this week.

I will obey your commands, and beg you to deal plainly with me, for I cannot doubt your honour, nor your valuing my true services. I have not omitted the least thing requisite for you to know. [*In cypher, decyphered.* 2 *pages.*]

July $\frac{3}{13}$. **7.** Decypher of the above. [3½ *pages.*]

[July 4.] **8.** Petition of the inhabitants of Botolph's without Bishopsgate to the Protector. Being destitute of a minister, by the removal of John Simpson, on petition of a few of the parishioners, you appointed Dan. Nicholls, though he was very young and weak, and the congregation is very great, and there are endeavours to settle him, contrary to the will of the majority.

We beg appointment of Sam. Lee, M.A. of 7 years' standing, of Wadham College, Oxford,—a man of eminent parts and piety, who has often preached in London churches, and is well approved by learned ministers—during the sequestration of Neh. Rogers, the late incumbent. 26 signatures. [1 *sheet. Also I.* 92, *No.* 293.] *Annexing,*

> **8.** I., II. *Order by the Committee for Plundered Ministers, appointing John Simpson to the rectory sequestered from Rogers, with the parsonage, glebe lands, tithes, &c.,* 17 *March* 1651–2. [2 *copies,* 1 *page.*]

July 4. Orders thereon revoking the order of 27 April 1654, about the supply of the place during Simpson's restraint; also that of the Committee for Plundered Ministers above of 17 March 1651–2. [*I.* 76, *p.* 158.]

July 4. **9.** Petition of Rich. Abbott, late receiver of revenues in cos. Essex, Herts, Middlesex, and London, to the Protector. I obtained my place by your favour, in right of a second life mentioned in my father's patent, and I several times, to further the service, overpaid my account, relieving myself by moneys in hand on my other account as receiver of tenths of the clergy; but the trustees now invested with the clergy tenths cannot allow for 179*l.* 15*s.* 7¼*d.* so advanced, as proved by the auditor's certificate, so that without your help I shall be ruined by this loss, added to the loss of my place, expiring by the sale of those rents. I beg allowance of what I have overpaid. With reference thereon, 14 May 1655, to Council, requesting his discharge, on his proof that he has paid in as much as was due on both accounts. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

> **9.** I. *Certificate by Hugh Powell, auditor, that Abbott overpaid his account in March* 1652, *by* 179*l.* 15*s.* 7¼*d.* 24 *March* 1654–5. [½ *page.*]

July 4. Reference thereon by Council to the Treasury Commissioners, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 158.]

July 4. **10.** Petition of Ellinor, widow of Capt. Valentine Hill, slain at Wexford, to the Protector. By your special favour, you procured me from Parliament a pension of 20*s.* a week. I have had to get new orders at every change, and have received nothing since last Midsummer, the Treasurer saying he cannot pay me, so that I and my four children suffer much. I beg a warrant for my pension, with arrears, or a sum in lieu of it, to enable me to plant in Ireland. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

10. I. *Request by Lord Gen. Cromwell for payment of the said allowance. Cockpit,* 24 *Sept.* 1651; *deposed to by Mrs. Hill* 25 *Sept.* 1651. [1 *page.*]

July 4. **11.** Petition of Marg. Frewin, widow, to the Protector. The late Council of State granted a warrant to the Treasurers of Goldsmiths' Hall to pay me 20*s.* a week, with arrears, according to the Act of 22 June 1650, but the moneys being transferred to the Exchequer, I have received nothing since 24 June [1654]. I beg a patent for receipt from the Exchequer. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

11. I. *Order in Parliament for payment of* 20*s. a week each to Jane, widow of Lieut.-col. Woolfe; Margaret, widow of Capt. Fras. Frewin; Mary, widow of Capt. John Symonds; Jane, widow of Capt. Geo. Ensor; and Hannah* [*Elianor ?*] *widow of Capt.* [*Valentine*] *Hill.* 22 *June* 1650. [½ *page. Printed in Commons' Journals, Vol. VI. p.* 428.]

11. II. *Warrant of the Council of State alluded to,* 30 *Aug.* 1653; *with certificate by Rich. Sherwin that Mrs. Frewin has received the money from Goldsmiths' Hall only to* 24 *June last.* [1 *page.*]

11. III. *Reference, signed by the Protector, of the petitions of widows Hill and Frewin to Council, to order their pensions, with arrears, to be paid from the Exchequer.* 31 *May* 1655. [2 *papers.*]

July 4. Orders in Council for payment of 53*l.* each arrears to widows Hill and Frewin. [*I.* 76, *p.* 158.]

July 4. **12.** Petition of William, Earl of Lothian, to the Protector. I held from my father, the late Earl of Ancrum, a pension of 200*l.* a year, which is all I have had from him, though I am engaged in 5,000*l.* for him. This pension was to compensate me for so much of the Fewe and Blanch duties of 40*l.* a year, which I am forced to pay to the Exchequer for Newbottle and Jedburgh, on pain of being quartered on by soldiers. I therefore gave a bond for the duties to Ant. Wilson, treasurer to the Commissioners at Leith, though the duties were for years before your government began in Scotland, and for years since, viz., 1650 and 1651, when the lands were totally wasted; and now Wilson takes out warrants to imprison me and distrain my goods. I beg release from the said duties for 1653 and 1654, return of my bond, and discharge for the remaining duties, with 300*l.*—which will then be the unpaid balance of the pension now at an end by my father's death—that I may discharge a pressing debt of my father. [¾ *page.*]

July 4. Orders thereon in Council for the return of the bond and the discharge desired, and for the Earl to retain in his hands the Fewe and Blanch duties till the balance of 300*l.* is repaid; also for Lambert, Sydenham, and Strickland to consider the petition, learn the truth of the suggestion, and report; meanwhile Ant. Wilson and the Commissioners at Leith are to forbear further proceedings on the bond given by the Earl for the duties. [*I.* 76, *p.* 159.]

July 4. **13.** Petition of Thos. Vallor to the Protector. I lately purchased Fishbourne farm of Rich. Lacie, a Papist in arms, and paid part of the purchase money, 1,000*l.* remaining, out of which, by agreement with Lacie, I was to be freed from all incumbrances. Lacie being sequestered, I paid 550*l.* by Parliament's Order to John Trenchard, Esq., one of the Commissioners of Accounts, by which order I was to be indemnified. By another order of the Commissioners for Sequestration in Sussex, 400*l.* was paid to the use of the State, and I paid 50*l.* more into the Exchequer. I have enjoyed the premises 12 years, but am now sued by Wm. Guydott, who claims the farm by mortgage made for 200*l.* by Rich. Lacie to his sister, a Papist recusant; and also by Mrs. Lane, a Papist, pretending title to an annuity. I beg relief, as I obeyed the orders of Parliament and the sequestrators. With reference to Council, 23 May 1655. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

13. I. *Motives in favour of the granting of this petition. His services, loans to, and losses in the cause of Parliament. That he has spent* 200*l. at least in defending his title. That his opponents are Papists and disaffected persons, who never durst trouble him while Parliament had the power. That his wife and children will be undone.* [1 *page.*]

July 4. Reference thereon in Council to the Court of Exchequer, to give him indemnity, if they can with justice. [*I.* 76, *p.* 159.]

July 4. **14.** Wm. Astell to the Protector. Abr. Johnson, a Dutchman, pretends to be an Englishman, and the discoverer of the 3 silver ships. I confess he discovered them to me and Wm. Pembridge, and we were examined before the Prize Commissioners, who sent us to Woolwich, to see what we could gather from the Dutch, when we heard that the trumpeter had confessed that the ships, with their silver and lading were of Holland, but Johnson never acted with us after. He was very obstinate and drunken, and would hardly be examined unless he knew what he should have for it, and by his contradictions, we lost the ships, though three of their own men said they were of Holland. He pretends to have lost a ship worth 300*l.* by a Flushinger. He sold the sails and cables of a Mr. Baron who employed him. He was pressed on board the Plymouth frigate, but got off with a month's pay, by pleading that he was a Dutchman, and should be hanged if he were taken. [1 *sheet.*]

July 4? **15.** Petition of Wm. Astell to the Protector. Thanks for your gracious promises to put an end to my long waiting, but there is a stop by one, Johnson, a Dutchman, pretending to be English, who has laid a great scandal on me, which I hope you will not believe, as he is a vile wretch; I bear it patiently, for wicked men scandalize you without cause, and the servant must not be above his master. Pray let me see the paper put in against me, and give me a reference to the Admiralty Judges, or Prize Office Commissioners. [½ *page.*]

July 4? **16.** Wm. Astell to Wm. Jessop. Thanks for your promise of help. I have long lived in a sad condition for my fidelity to the State, having left my calling and joined the people of God, to help the Lord against the mighty. I have been an officer throughout, am much in arrears, and never had a penny; yet I undertook the labour of prosecuting those silver ships, and have only had 40*l.* on a report from the judges to his Highness; and now I suffer on a wrong information; yet I am content if I may obtain a place. I dare not speak to Maj.-Gen. Skippon, for he has been the best friend in England to me and my wife. Let me know if his Highness or Council have been moved for a place for me. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

16. I. *Warrant by Council, on an Order of* 3 *May, to Gualter Frost, to pay to Wm. Astell* 40*l., for special service, out of Council moneys. Whitehall,* 8 *May* 1654. [*Copy* 1 *page.*]

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1, 2. To advise his Highness to revoke all letters of marque. Approved and all letters of marque to be made void. The Attorney-General to prepare a proclamation to that effect.

11. The petition of Rich. Bedwell, referred by the Protector to Council, referred to John Fountain, Esq., Rich. Wollaston, and the Judge Advocate, to examine the truth and certify.

17. **17.** On Col. Sydenham's reporting from the Committee of Council to whom the pay of the forces was referred, and presenting a paper by the Army Officers for reducing the charge, and another containing additions and alterations:—order that the 5 regiments of foot now in England, viz., the Protector's, Lambert's, Constable's, Ingoldsby's, and Goffe's, be reduced to 800 men; the quarter-master and provost-marshal of each regiment be united and allowed 4*s.* a day; the corporals mustered as private soldiers, with 2*d.* a day each added to their pay, and the drum-majors and gentlemen-at-arms reduced.

There being 6 weeks' pay due on the former musters, and three weeks yet to come on the last muster, the reduced troops to have the pay due on their last muster, and the rest to be in discharge of their said arrears. The garrisons in England,—viz., the Isle of Wight and Carisbrook Castle, Cowes Castle and Gurne's Fort, Sandham Castle and Brimbridge and Nettlesheigh Forts, Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) and Carey's Sconce, Guernsey, Jersey, Scilly Islands, Isle of Man, Pendennis Castle and Maude's, Plymouth Fort and Island, Weymouth, Hurst Castle, Portsmouth and Southsea Castle, Yarmouth, * Harwich, * Lowestoft, Dover Castle, Deal, Upnor Castle, Tilbury Fort, * Mersey Island, Landguard Fort, Hull, * Scarborough, * Newcastle, Tynemouth Castle, Berwick and Holy Island, Carlisle, * Liverpool, Shrewsbury, Windsor, Tower of London, Denbigh, Chepstow, Cardiff, Conway and Carnarvon, Hereford, Bristol Castle and Fort, Beaumaris, Holyhead, Swansea, Tenby, and Carmarthen;—

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to be reduced in manner specified. Those to which an asterisk is prefixed to be reduced entirely. *Annexing,*

17. i. *Report of the Committee of Officers, viz., Cols. Edw. Whalley, T. Reynolds, Wm. Goffe, and Lord Broghill, on the reducement of the forces, making the above and other suggestions, whereby the monthly expense is reduced from* 120,515*l.* 16*s.* 8*d. to* 86,917*l.* [*Book of* 17 *written, and* 15 *blank pages.*]

18. The Army Committee to compute what the arrears of pay to officers and soldiers who are to be disbanded comes to, and how the arrears of the garrisons may best be consigned, and to report.

19. To allow 5*s.* a day to Col. Goffe as Adjutant-General to Major-Gen. Lambert. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 158–166.]

July 4. **18.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. We send the charges made by Geo. Firbanck against Jno. Timberley, late steward of the Deliverance. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

18. i., ii. *Charge against Timberley, now a prisoner at Lambeth House, for attempting to defraud the State by means of counterfeit tickets, made in the names of* 2 *seamen of that ship who had been discharged sick at Harwich; also for endeavouring to induce a person in the Navy Office to falsify the books; also for not appearing upon his recognizance when bailed, and for being a defaulter on his accounts.* [2 *papers.*]

18. iii. *Warrant signed by the Protector,* 22 *June* 1655, *referring the matter to the Admiralty Commissioners, Timberley being in the custody of Serjeant Dendy.* [⅔ *page.*]

July 5. **19.** Petition of Ann Pregion to the Protector. I am growing into years, and my only subsistence is an annuity out of the Registrar's office of Lincoln, which was my father's; the annuity was granted in lieu of 500*l.* portion which my father gave me at his death, and I proved before the judges that I had it till the last 2 years, since when the State has had it. With certificate that she has had an allowance from the said office, 23 May 1655, and order signed by the Protector, that the Judges for Probate of Wills allow her 10*l.* now, and 10*l.* a year till further order. [1½ *pages.*]

July ? **20.** Petition of John Lenthall to the Protector. I was admitted one of the 6 clerks of Chancery, and have served many years, and ought to enjoy the office for life, but find a late Ordinance transfers it to others. The property of the people in freeholds and estates is confirmed by the law of God, Magna Charta, Acts and Statutes of Parliament, and by your oath on taking the Government. King Josias, in his reformation, compensated those who suffered loss thereby, as other Kings have done, and as I fear not but you will do. I beg satisfaction for my loss, and I pray that you may honour your age with the miracles and greatness of your wisdom and justice. [1 *page.*]

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July 5. **21.** Like petition. I surceased all acting as a clerk in Chancery, on your Ordinance for regulation of the Court, but it was the greatest part of my subsistence, and I am now without employment, and beg satisfaction. [⅔ *page.*]

July 5. Reference thereon by Council to the Treasury Commissioners. [*I.* 76, *p.* 168.]

July 5. Note of petition, referred 11 May 1654 to the Committee for Petitions, of Sir Peter Killigrew, for consideration of his arrears, and for 1,000*l.* towards repairing his house, burnt by the King's party; noted "money, and a former report." Reference thereon by Council to the Treasury Commissioners, to consider the petition and papers, and report. [*I.* 92, *No.* 65; *I.* 76, *p.* 168.]

July 5. **22.** Petition of Rob. Moore to the Protector. I was dispossessed of a great estate in Ireland, came to England, and served from 1643 to 1646 as captain of horse under the Earl of Essex, and as Lieut.-Colonel of foot in Plymouth garrison, for which 860*l.* is due to me. After the reducement of the garrison, I went to Scotland, in 1648 commanded a regiment against Lord Lenrick and Geo. Monroe, and in 1649 went over again to Ireland, but was driven from all I had by Geo. Monroe and his party under Ormond. I have since lived in Kintyre, in Scotland, and in 1653 a party of the northern forces spoiled me so much that I have taken a journey to London to obtain my arrears for relief. I beg an order to the Worcester House Commissioners to state my accounts for English service, and to give me debentures, and to the Trustees for sale of Crown lands, to pass them into bonds for purchase of lands. With reference to Council, 14 May 1655. [1 *page.*]

July 5. Order thereon in Council granting the petition. [*I.* 76, *p.* 169.]

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3. The remonstrance and petition of James Stocall to his Highness referred to Wolsley, Sydenham, and Strickland, with Mr. Secretary's assistance, to consider the business of Jersey mentioned, and report.

4. The same Committee to consider the person already sent thither as sequestrator, and if they see cause to discharge him, to report the same, and to consider of Capt. Norris, and the Governor of Mersey Island, to be sent there as sequestrators.

5. Order—on a letter from the Army Committee of July 4, concerning the pay of Sir John Copleston's regiment of foot—that the said Committee compute what the pay amounts to, and report.

6. A letter from the Admiralty Commissioners of July 2 to the Treasury Commissioners, concerning 100,000*l.* for the Navy's use, read.

7. Mr. Scobell to be spared awhile from attending Council, to attend the business with the Committee of Officers appointed by his Highness.

8. Order—On Wolsley's report from the Committee on the supply of the places of the Customs' Commissioners, now vacant, and a paper of the votes and resolves of Parliament of Feb. 27 1649–50

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concerning Customs' Commissioners—that the salary of the Customs' Commissioners be 3*d.* in every pound received, to be defalked from the receipts at the end of every quarter.

9. Order—on petition of Thos. Stephenson concerning the banks, stathes, foreshores, and waterworks in Whitgift, for preservation of the country of Marshland; and on an order of Jan. 11 last, whereby the counsel learned was to put the matter into the way of proceeding by bill in a proper Court of Equity, on which a bill has been exhibited in Chancery, to which some defendants have answered—that the same Committee learn from the Attorney-General why the cause is not proceeded in, and report.

10. In an order of June 8, 1654, on the petition of Lieut.-Col. Rich. Stephens, after the words "Major to Col. Dingley's regiment of horse," these words to be inserted, "to the date of his commission as Lieut.-Colonel of foot, and so on till he was mustered in Ireland."

12. The petition of the inhabitants of the market town of Bromyard, co. Hereford, and the neighbourhood, referred to Mulgrave, Strickland, and Wolsley, to report.

13. **23.** Order that the established pay of the Governors of Jersey and Scilly be 18*s.* a day, the same as the Governor of Guernsey. That the fortifications in Conway and Carnarvon be slighted, and the forces in Redcastle and Denbigh be continued, recruited out of Conway and Carnarvon. The rest to be disbanded, and Col. Price to see both done. That the cornet of horse in Jersey be reduced.

14. The Marshal of Dover Castle to be continued according to these votes; the resolves of yesterday to be enlarged or altered.

16. The order of 7 June last, concerning transportation of butter, to be transmitted to the Customs' Commissioners for execution. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 168–9.]

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1. Rous, Pickering, Strickland, Wolsley, Mulgrave, and Lisle, to consider a fit person to send into Switzerland, and prepare his instructions according to this day's debate. Rous to take care of the matter.

3. Order that—as goods were taken up of Ald. Ireton for his Highness a year since, value 115*l.* 13*s.* 0*d.*, which were to have been paid for out of 1,000*l.*, ordered for Council's contingencies, 6 March 1653–4, to be issued by direction of Sir G. Pickering and others, but the said 1,000*l.* has not sufficed therefor—the money be paid from Council's contingencies. [*I.* 76, *p.* 171.]

July 6.
Whitehall.

Proclamation by the Protector commanding all who have been of the party of the late King or his sons to depart London and Westminster before 12 July. His Highness noting the great resort thither of ill-affected persons, and having lately received intelligence of designs to be carried on by correspondence with the sons of the late King, or their agents, enjoins, to prevent disturbances, that all who have borne arms against the State depart from within the lines of communication before 12 July; or if then under restraint, within 5 days of their enlargement, and do not remain anywhere within 20 miles of the said lines, unless it be their habitation.

Those who fail to obey, or who return without license, are to be proceeded against as disturbers of the peace and contemners of authority. The Lord Mayor, and aldermen, the justices of peace of Middlesex, Herts, Essex, Kent, and Surrey, and the Militia Commissioners of Westminster, Southwark, the Tower Hamlets, and suburbs to have strict wards and watches kept, make frequent searches for such persons, and certify to Council, that offenders may be proceeded against. All sheriffs, bailiffs, constables, officers of the guard, &c., to assist.

His Highness also enjoins all the said persons, unless detained by dangerous illness, to repair to their usual dwelling, or their place of birth, or their parents' dwelling, and give in their names to the minister, constable, or tithingman of the town, who shall enter them into a book to be kept in every parish, and to be certified to the justices of peace at the next quarter sessions, and entered by the clerk of the peace on the sessions' roll. These presents to continue in force only till 20 Oct. next. [*I.* 76*A*, *pp.* 73–5 ; *I.* 76, *p.* 172.]

July 6.
Motston.

24. Rob. Dillington to Jos. Williamson. I will observe your commands as strictly as Acts of Parliament. If my grandfather had had his spectacles in his pocket, he might have read your letter about spending 50*l.* in wine on buxom ladies, and thought you a dissolute fellow, and me little better for keeping you company. Don't knock me down with thundering Greek, as I have no lexicon ; I am sorry our late fellow soldiers have grown lazy.

We have no news of our West India fleet since they left the Barbadoes, and experienced captains fear it is lost.

P.S.—Urgent business prevents my being with you this Act. [1 *page damaged.*]

July 6.
The Marmaduke,
Portland Road.

25. Major Robt. Sedgwick to the Admiralty Commissioners. I know it would have been more acceptable to you to hear of our being further west, but we have been detained by contrary winds. The Welcome Gift and Loyalty have got separated from us, but we hope to meet them, and sail again to-day. The men are both cheerful and willing. [1 *page.*]

July 6.
Plymouth.

26. J[ames] B.[lackborne] to his brother [Robt. Blackborne]. I will, when required, send an account of the importation of the commodities mentioned in yours, but as to undertaking the solution, I see that walking as circumspectly as I have done hitherto has only caused an accusation from my superiors ; I would therefore rather choose contentment with my small income, than purchase anything which, through false accusations, might prove detrimental to me.

Capt. Potter has sent in the Society of Brest, with 25 men, and Capt. Holland the Encounter, a Frenchman laden with fish, as also the Dove of London, taken by a Brest man-of-war, and pursued by Capt. Sparling. When the captain of the Brest man saw he was

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pursued, he put the muzzle of a gun into the hold of the Dove, and swore that if the master would not give him 1,500*l.* for the ship and goods, he would sink her; so he engaged to give him 900*l.*; for performance thereof he has carried him away, taking all his own men aboard, and so flies for it. Capt. Heaton has also sent in a Frenchman with wheat, bound for St. Sebastian's. [¾ *page.*]

July 7. **27.** Dr. Brune Ryves to Wm. Jessop, Clerk of the Council. The readiness of the Protector and Council to favour this design of printing the Bible, in the original and other learned languages, encourages the undertakers to beg a warrant for 3,000 reams of paper, custom free, for printing an introduction and guide to the 9 languages, viz., Hebrew, Chaldee, Samaritan, Syriac, Arabic, Persian, Æthiopic, Armenian, and Coptic; without which it will be to most a sealed book. We ask it not for our own interest, but for God's glory, the advancement of religion, and the honour of our nation. But if we transgress the bounds of modesty, as Tacitus says, "*Non preces sunt istuc, sed effligatio intempestiva et improvida,*" we crave pardon and desist; yet our request being to exchange our late warrant for 1,000 reams of royal paper for a warrant for 3,000 reams of common paper, the extra bounty will only be 40*s.* We acknowledge Sir Gilb. Pickering's favour in this business. [1 *page.*]

July 9. **28.** Petition of Francis Lippingcott and Capt. John Bodiley, administrator of Henry Gough, to the Protector, for payment of their debts amounting to 2,787*l.* 5*s.* 11*d.*, with interest, out of the moneys arising from the sale of delinquents' estates. In 1644–5, several merchants' goods were taken at sea by Capt. Penn, and others set forth by Parliament, and disposed of for the use of the Commonwealth, to the great loss of the owners, although well affected, as was proved to the Navy Commissioners, who in 1646 ordered that Miles Corbet should move the House for an order for repayment, but it has not yet been done through other weighty affairs. With reference thereon to the Admiralty Commissioners. [1 *page.*]

July 9.
Niton. **29.** John Langhorne to Jos. Williamson. Your pen soars far above any born under our cold northern pole. I wish you the chiefest place in our college. I hope your scholar will discharge all. Private affairs. [1 *page.*]

July 9. **30.** Examination of Rich. Colfox and Lancelot Keat, of Beaminster, co. Dorset, before Cornet Jno. Walpole and Quartermaster Rich. Bustan, of Gen. Desborow's troop. When the Cavaliers came to Crockhorne, Edm. Stogill of Beaminster held with the rebels, called Colfox a Roundhead rogue and knave, and threatened to take away his goods if he did not adhere to the King. [¾ *page.*] Also

July 9. Like examination of Hen. Russell, of Corscomb, Dorset. Refused to pay Ralph Jounson, Minister of Halstock, his tithes, as he was with the rebels at Sir Jno. Strangway's house, dined with

Mr. Rose of Stockwood, also a Cavalier, and rode up and down in company with Capt. Hen. French, who was in the late King's service, and afterwards went to sea with Prince Rupert. [½ *page.*]

July 10. **31.** Petition of Isaac Pennington, Alderman of London, to the Protector. Complains that the Sheriff refuses to obey the order of 25 May 1655 recited, and that Mrs. Stephens threatens to seize his person and lands for the remainder of the debt, which his goods did not amount to; requests that the Lord Chief Baron may determine the case. [½ *page.*]

July 10. Order thereon that Mr. Jessop attend the Chief Baron, and desire his opinion, to the purport of what was to-day proposed. [*I.* 76, *p.* 172.]

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2. To advise his Highness to order payment of 100*l.* to Sir John Temple, as his gift.

4. Ed. Rolt's name to be inserted into the warrant to Frost to pay 200*l.* to the party whom his Highness shall send with the ratification of the treaty to Sweden.

5. The money due to the coachmen, footmen, and trumpeters who attended the Ambassadors to be satisfied according to former precedent. Jessop to compute the whole, according to the bills sent in, and report.

6. Order—on report that his Highness has pitched upon Dr. Dan. Whistler to go from him to the King of France—that 200*l.* from the Council's contingencies be advanced him to fit him for that service.

7. Order, on report of the necessity to furnish Ed. Rolt with more money for his journey to Sweden, that he have 300*l.*, instead of the 200*l.* ordered.

9. Wolsley, Lambert, Pickering, Montague, and Sydenham to consider the money requisite for carrying on the public service, and report this week. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 172–3.]

July 10. **32.** Order in the Admiralty Committee for Thos. Skinner, John Silk, Ralph Venn, and 6 others to attend them on Thursday, on charges against Roger Carlisle and Wm. Gardner, gunsmiths. [⅔ *page*].

July $\frac{10}{20}$. Cologne. **33.** Mr. Manning to Thurloe. I am ordered to be one of four to meet some Presbyterians near Antwerp 3 Aug., and receive their propositions to the King. Massey will be there. Instruct me how best to serve you. If I had a cypher with the Governor of Dover, Talbot, Dungan, and Holsal, whom I have called Holsey, should not have escaped him. Give me new addresses and a new cypher. Let the addresses be to some person in some street in London where there is no such person in the street, for general addresses are suspicious.

Prince Rupert came on Sunday. The swordmen endeavour to gain the Presbyterians, the Prince declaring himself a Calvinist, as are the rest of his family. The Prince, Wilmot, Gerard, and

Balcarras, have had a private meeting with Lord Craven, who appears not in public here because of his pretensions with you. "All is with these on the Presbyterian score, and London."

The Prince offers to quit his command in Modena to serve the King.

Lieut.-Col. Dolman writes Wilmot an account of the news with you, and in particular that your General Penn has had good success, and that you intend to send many considerable persons prisoners to Hispaniola, which is feared to be truth. He makes very high professions to the service of Charles Stuart.

I have been most industrious in the Protector's service here, and let nothing of moment slip, and there shall not a mouse stir but you shall know it. Only be plain with me, for I would not stay here but to serve you. [*Decypher*, 3 *pages*.]

July $\frac{10}{20}$. Cologne. **34.** [Manning to Thurloe.] Since my other, Lord Colepepper, no friend of Hyde's, has arrived; also Capt. John Griffith in Holland, who has been Charles Stuart's spy on the Protector in England, and now agitates here for Lord Craven, who appears not himself, though in town. What this great meeting will produce is dubious till the Princess Royal comes.

When Major Holsal left, he took a pistol of Lord Gerard's, and was to give him 100*l.* for it unless the Protector were killed in 3 months, and last post they gave much encouragement. [1 *page. Cypher, Decyphered.*]

July $\frac{10}{20}$. **35.** Decypher of the above. [1 *page*.]

July 11. **36.** Petition of Rich. Tottington, Jas. Crookes, and Jas. Burnely, of Worsborough, Darfield parish, West Riding of co. York, to the Protector. On 5 Nov. our houses, corn, hay, and goods, value 550*l.*, were destroyed by fire, to our utter ruin if not relieved. We beg a brief for collecting charity within such limits as you think fit. With reference to Council, 5 June 1655. Noted as read and laid aside, 11 July. [1 *page*.]

July 11. Note of its reading in Council, and order that 10*l.* be paid to Jessop, and that he pay it to the petitioners, to bear their charges home. [*I.* 76, *p.* 174.]

July 11. **37.** Petition of Thos. Peck to the Protector, for license to stay in London on business, the late proclamation notwithstanding. Being much in debt, came up to sell some land for payment. Was never in arms against the Commonwealth. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page*.] *Annexing*,

37. I. *Certificate by Law. Wright that Peck has been dangerously sick, and is under a course of medicine, and that his leaving London would injure him. Charterhouse*, 9 *July* 1655. [1 *page*.]

July 11. License by Council for him to stay in town till further order, the late proclamation notwithstanding. [*I.* 76, *p.* 174.]

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1. A proclamation by his Highness, declaring that after August 1 no use is to be made of letters of marque or reprisal granted to private persons, read twice, amended, and agreed to.

2. Any two of the Committee on Lord Lothian's petition to be a quorum.

8. The petition of John Tilston, referred by the Protector to Council, concerning the forests of Roche and Selwood, cos. Somerset, and Wilts., referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

13. All proceedings of the Commissioners for Articles suspended till further order.

14. Order—on report from the Committee on the Protestants in Piedmont—that Scobell and Jessop prepare letters, &c., for getting in the moneys for their relief, making collections where omitted, and obtaining a list of the parishes of this nation, and that 10,000*l.* be sent over for their relief.

15. Also that Scobell and Jessop prepare instructions for the party to be sent to the Protestant cantons of Switzerland, to the purport of this debate.

16. Sydenham to signify to Sir Gilbert Gerard and Sir John Trevor, or to the Lord Mayor of London, the resolution to send over 10,000*l.*, which is to be communicated to the Committee for the collection. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 174–5.]

July 11. **38.** Account by Elia Palmer and Jno. White, Ordnance officers, of powder and shot remaining in the stores, and the quantity received from persons named since 11 June 1655. [3 *pages, damaged.*]

July 11. **39—41.** Information sent by Capt. Jno. Fox. Note of the language of Jno. Row to John Guy, both of Trewornam, St. Minver, co. Cornwall. Guy reproving Row for lying in bed, Row said if the King once came into the land, he would be up and about.

Also note that Thos. Day said that when he saw the King's Army come into the country, he would hang 3 men in their parlors and at their doors in St. Minver. His wife much lamented his desperateness, and told Rich. Lynam with tears that he was one of the men whom her husband would hang. [1 *page.*] Also

Information of Ann, wife of Thos. Day, of St. Minver. Row's horse was given in charge to her husband on 10 March for the purpose of aiding the King's party under Major-Gen. Wagstaff. Day told her the nation was up in arms, and if things hit right, the Cavaliers would be speedily with them; and bade her keep the fire in all night, for Wagstaff would come, and Lynam and 2 or 3 honest men more would be hanged at their own doors. 26 June 1655. [1 *page.*]

Informations of Wm. Gibbs, Joan, his daughter, and Thos. Ricord, all of Nulyn, that at the time of the rising at Salisbury, Mr. Roscarrock, Col. Tremaine, Majors Polwheele and Madderne, Capts. Francis and Wm. Gullie, Sir Jas. Smith, and others, were at Col. Rich.

Arundel's house at Trerice, and there Thos. Ricord, the blacksmith, fixed many arms, and said others were to be had, and they only waited the word for the rising. Trunks of arms had been sent to Sir Sam. Cusworth and Col. Arundel. 23 May 1655. [1 *page.*]

Information of Jas. Fitzgerald of St. Kew. Mr. Row's horse was refused to Capt. Fox, who went to take it for Parliament service, and conveyed away, but was secured for the King. Phil. Shisell, of Egloshale, an ensign for the King, was missing a week before and a week after the insurrection. Also information of John Mably and John Guy, of St. Minver, that Thos. Day was a Cavalier and a wicked man, and hoped the times would turn that he might be revenged on his neighbours, and that he was a quartermaster in the King's army. [1 *page.*]

July 12. **42.** Petition of Roger Molineux to Council, for leave to stay in London till cured, promising not to act against Government. Is under a course of physic for an infirmity of sudden falling, and his life might be endangered by his travelling, [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

42. I. II. *Depositions by Fras. Prujean, President of the College of Physicians, and John Bull, to his liability to the falling sickness, and the danger of his travelling.* 10 *July* 1655. [2 *papers.*]

July 12. Order thereon allowing him to remain in town, the late proclamation notwithstanding. [*I.* 76, *p.* 175.]

July 12. **43.** " An establishment made and concluded upon by his Highness the Lord Protector and Council, for the foot forces in field and garrison in England and Wales, to commence from Monday 23 July, inclusive, 1655."

	Cost per month.		
	£	*s.*	*d.*
Five foot regiments of 4,000 men beside officers -	6,391	0	0
Isle of Wight garrisons, Carisbrooke Castle -	181	6	0
„ Cowes Castle & fort -	76	10	8
„ Sandham „ & 2 forts -	89	7	4
„ Yarmouth „ & fort -	78	3	4
Guernsey - - - - -	179	4	0
Jersey - - - - - -	392	9	4
Scilly Islands - - - - -	304	0	8
Isle of Man - - - - -	245	14	0
The Mount (Cornwall) - - - -	20	10	8
Pendennis Castle and Maude's - - -	297	10	0
Plymouth Fort and Island - - -	295	8	0
Exeter Castle - - - - -	1	7	4
Portland, Weymouth, and Sandfoot Castle -	67	8	8
Brownsea Castle - - - -	10	14	8
Calshot Castle - - - - -	37	6	8
Hurst Castle - - - - -	62	6	0
Portsmouth and Southsea Castle - -	428	3	4
Yarmouth (Great) - - - -	10	14	8
Dover Castle, Moate's bulwark, and Archcliffe fort	148	3	4

	Cost per month.		
	£	s.	d.
Sandgate Castle	36	17	4
Walmer "	39	13	4
Deal "	53	4	0
Sandown "	39	13	4
Sandwich	2	16	0
Upnor Castle	52	19	4
Tilbury Fort	72	11	4
Landguard Fort	111	10	8
Hull	486	0	8
Clifford's Tower (York)	7	18	8
Scarborough	9	16	0
Tynemouth Castle	199	5	4
Berwick and Holy Island	752	14	8
Carlisle	365	8	0
Shrewsbury	120	12	8
Warwick Castle	50	17	4
Windsor "	105	0	0
The Tower	608	1	4
Chepstow	107	16	0
Hereford	113	17	4
Cardiff	86	2	0
Beaumaris	92	12	8
Holyhead	53	13	4
Tenby	88	8	8
Total	12,954	8	4

This establishment includes wages, fire, and candles, but not clothes, arms, or equipments. [*Book of* 12 *written, and* 4 *blank pages. Also I.* 76*A, pp.* 78–87; *I.* 76, *p.* 176.]

July 12. Order that the said establishment be adopted and presented to his Highness. Approved 12 July. [*I.* 76, *p.* 176.]

July 12. Proclamation by the Protector for perfecting the collection for relief of the Protestants of Lucerne, Angrona, &c.

His Highness, from a deep sense of the calamities of these poor men, through their adherence to the reformed religion, and a confidence that this nation would help their brethren, ordered a day of fasting last May, hoping the people would then be stirred up to a free and liberal contribution. Although many parishes and congregations have responded liberally, yet in some the fast and collection has been omitted. It is therefore recommended that they should now have the precious opportunity of helping their distressed brethren, and that the ministers should stir them up thereto, and pursue the way of collecting prescribed in the instructions.

And whereas several sums are collected, but not paid in, his Highness requires the ministers, churchwardens, &c., to return the moneys and certificates speedily, that the relief may be the more speedily given. He doubts not that all who bear the name of Christ will join in so pious and honourable a work. Approved 12 July. [*I.* 76*A*, *pp.* 75–6; *I.* 76, *p.* 177.]

July 12. Whitehall. Proclamation by the Protector that after 1 August next, no use is to be made of letters of marque and reprizal by privateers. They were granted to merchants and others who had suffered from depredations and piracies, and could obtain no relief; but his Highness,—finding that under colour thereof, some seize ships of the people of princes and states in amity, to the discouragement of trade and dishonour of the Commonwealth, and that ordinary proceedings have not suppressed these offences—declares that all letters of marque are revoked from 1 August 1655. All ships taken after, by virtue thereof, are to be sequestered and returned to their proprietors, on just proof, without any long or chargeable suit at law, and the persons taking them shall suffer death as pirates. All Admiralty Officers to see this proclamation executed, and all other officers to assist. Approved 12 July. [*I.* 76*A*, *pp.* 76–7; *I.* 76, *p.* 178.]

July 12. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the sheriffs of counties. His Highness and Council hearing that no collection for the poor Protestants has been made in divers places in your county, because the declarations and instructions were not sent to the places in due time, send you fresh copies, and require you to send them to the ministers and churchwardens at once, using your utmost care that no parish be omitted. You are also to send speedily to Council a perfect list of all the parishes in your county, that care may be taken that the moneys collected be not detained, but paid in seasonably. [*I.* 76, *p.* 178.]

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4. The following to be the Committee for Trade.

The 4 Treasury Commissioners.
Lord Chief Justice St. John.
Sir Chas. Wolsley.
Sir Gilb. Pickering.
Col. Jones.
Mr. Upton.
Geo. Foxcroft.
Alderman Riccard.
Maurice Thompson.
Martin Noel.
Denis Bond.
Sir Henry Blunt.
Thos. Challoner.
Sir Job Harvey.
Nathan Wright.
Capt. Hatsell.
„ Pack, Lord Mayor of London.

5. Thurloe to consider the instructions given to the former Trade Committee, and prepare instructions for the present one by tomorrow.

6. Mr. Embree to prepare a room in Derby House for the new Trade Committee to sit in.

7. Sydenham, Montague, and Thurloe to treat with the East India Company about borrowing the 85,000*l.* remaining deposited with Sir Thos. Vyner and Alderman Riccard, for the State's use.

10. Order on report from the Army Committee of an estimate of the pay of the officers and soldiers now to be reduced from the 5 foot

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regiments and the garrisons in England and Wales,—which will amount to 7,302*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*, from May 14, 1655, to July 23 following,—that his Highness be desired to order payment to John Blackwell, jun., and Rich. Deane, of the above sum, on account for pay of the Army.

11. The above sum to be employed to pay the said officers and soldiers, [and the Army Committee to pay such forces as cannot be disbanded in time, from July 23 till they are disbanded, not exceeding a month from that date*].

12. Order—on report of a computation of the pay of the regiment raised in Devonshire by Sir John Copleston, being 3,740*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.* —that Gen. Desborow, being on the spot, pay the regiment as he best can, and be authorised to take up a proportion of money in that county, and to charge bills of exchange on Council.

13. The Recorder of London, Nath. Bacon, and Mr. Scobell, to receive propositions concerning ale houses, and report.

14. Geo. Foxcroft to repair to Scotland, to settle the excise there, and return, and 13*s.* 4*d.* a day to be allowed him.

18. A letter from Lord Grey of Groby, dated Windsor Castle, July 7, to his Highness, read.

19. The Earl of Calendar to have liberty to stay in town, the late Proclamation notwithstanding, provided this do not weaken his security to return to Scotland.

20. The Committee on petition of Rich. Pight, clerk of the Irons and surveyor of the melting House in the Mint, concerning the discovery of counterfeit coin, to meet, in order to a report.

21. The petition of Abr. Johnson and his wife Magdalene, which was referred to the Committee on the Salvadore and other silver ships; also the petitions of Wm. Astell and Anne Pembridge concerning the same matter, referred to Lambert, Jones, Strickland, Sydenham, and Montague, to report.

23, 24. A paper presented by Sec. Thurloe, of instructions to be given to Gen. Blake concerning 50,000*l.* payable by the King of Portugal read, and his Highness to be advised to send an envoy to the King of Portugal on this business. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 175–9.]

July 12. **44.** Notes by [Robt. Blackborne] of the examinations of Rouse, Saxby, Giles, Wm. Basse, and Hunt, as to their dealings with Carlisle and Gardner, employed in altering and repairing arms. [1½ *pages.*]

July 13. **45.** Petition of Rich. Willis to the Protector. I was made, by patent of 4 Charles, at a cost of 1,000*l.*, under steward and clerk of the kitchen, and keeper of the Star Chamber, fee 40*l.* a year, with diet and other vails worth 200*l.* a year, which were paid till that Court was taken away by Parliament in May 1641. Since then I have only had the houseroom and sums of 10*l.*, 40*l.*, 40*l.*, and 30*l.* The late Revenue Committee ordered me 150*l.* for fee and the use of my goods for Parliamentary Committees sitting there; this, and 83*l.* balance of 163*l.* ordered me by Parliament in 1647, are still due.

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* This clause was added July 13.—Ed.

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1655. The Treasury Commissioners now say they want my rooms, which I am willing to give up, if satisfied for them, and paid what is due to me. With reference thereon to Council, 11 June, 1655. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

45. I. *Full statement of particulars of Willis' case, with the several orders and reports of committees thereon, from* 1641 *to* 1653. [1 *sheet.*]

July 13. Reference thereon in Council to the Treasury Commissioners, to consider his interest in the Star Chamber, and report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 180.] *Annexing,*

46. I. *Report by the said Commissioners that he and his predecessors have always had the ground rooms of the house, one room over the gates leading to Westminster bridge, and all the rooms in the uppermost story, the rest being employed for public use.* 7 *Aug.* 1655. [¾ *page.*]

July 13. **47, 48.** Petition of Geo. Bromley and many hundreds in and near London, who have lent money on the Public Faith, and are unable to double what they lent, to the Protector. We are the same petitioners who so long attended the late Parliament for our money, and you and the then Council of State recommended us to be considered by the next Parliament that should sit.

According to the late Act, we have made our claims for our debts, which have been received by the Worcester House Commissioners. We have long borne our sufferings in silence, but the time fixed in the Act is long since expired, hundreds of us are wanting bread, some are in prison, many hourly fear the same.

Knowing your readiness to help, we beg you to appoint some speedy way for our payment, and for the stating of our claims and accounts by the said Commissioners. We have been persuaded for several years that you would be our only help; 39 signatures. With reference thereon to Council, to receive the petitioners' proposals, and consider how they may best be satisfied, 14 May 1655. Also proposals by the same that they might be paid from their own discoveries, or from debtors' estates, as promised by Parliament, or from forest lands, excise, or customs, or any speedy way; 14 signatures. [2 *papers.*] *Annexing,*

48. I. *Copy of the order of the Council of State alluded to of* 17 *June* 1653, *referring the petition of Geo. Bromley and others to the supreme power now shortly to meet.* [*Scrap.*]

July 13. Note of the reading in Council of the petition. [*I.* 76, *p.* 780.]

July 13. **49, 49.** I. Copy of the petition, proposals, and Council of State order. [2 *papers.*]

July 13. **50.** Petition of Mich. Baker, Thos. Parker, Keilway Guydott, and Edw. Osbaldston, to the Protector. You granted us in Oct. 1654, during good conduct, the offices of Messengers of the Exchequer, and the riding journeys in Exchequer and Chancery with such moderate fees as should be decided on by Council. We have

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attended our duties, but as yet received nothing. We beg the same allowances as to other messengers. With reference thereon to Council, 13 June 1655. [1 *sheet.*]

July 13. Reference by Council to the Treasury Commissioners, to report the usefulness and allowances of the said officers. [*I.* 76, *p.* 180.]

July 13. Council. Day's Proceedings.

6. Order on report of the petition of William, Lord Chandos—showing that the estate and barony of Sudley belongs to him, but that since the decease of George, Lord Chandos, his widow pretends to be with child, and praying that some gentlewoman of reputation may now abide with her at his cost, and may be present at her delivery;—that (as it appears by certificate that the writ usually granted in such cases cannot be sued forth, so that there is no remedy except through the Protector and Council) Mrs. Green and Mrs. Wray, midwives, be appointed to remain with her, and be present at her delivery. Approved 13 July.

9. Order—on report from the Committee on the Earl of Lothian's petition—that the order of 4 July be confirmed with an amendment, viz., that he retain the Fewe and Blanch duties of 40*l.* a year till Michaelmas 1662, by which time the 300*l.* arrears of pension will be paid, and that the Leith Commissioners give him discharges therefor. *Annexing,*

51. I. *Certificate by Mark Case, of Cockpen, that the pension was granted to the Earl by his father, and that he has paid for his father* 2,250*l. and other sums.* 11 *July* 1655. [⅔ *page.*]

11. The petition of Wm. Higgins, mayor, Wm. Stanley, alderman, and Ed. Downer, sheriff of Southampton, referred to the Committee on the returns from Southampton concerning the said persons, now in custody, whom they are to examine on their charge, report what should be done, and meanwhile release them on bail, if they see cause.

13. Order—as some question may arise about the method and priority of payments from the fines imposed by the Act of Grace for Scotland, on the orders of 6 and 19 April last, and of 31 July 1654—that payment of one half be made in the order in which the persons declare, under their hand and seal, their willingness to accept money in lieu of the lands assigned them at 10 years' purchase.

Also—as on 2 Sept. 1654, 9,717*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* was ordered to be paid therefrom to the late King and Queen's creditors and servants, ½ this sum is to be paid after the other first moieties have been paid; the next payments are to be 702*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* to Cornet John Baynes for ½ of Col. Thos. Horton's arrears; 1,500*l.* to Sir Wm. Selby and his lady [and 2,500*l.* to Ald. Fowke *], being ½ of their respective assignments on the said money; then the other halves are to be paid in like order; if the fines do not suffice therefor, care will be taken for payment of the residue. Approved 20 July.

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* This clause was added 20 July.—Ed.

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14. In the order for payments by the Army Committee passed yesterday, these words to be inserted,—"And for such of the said forces as cannot be disbanded by the time aforesaid."

15. To advise the continuance of the Army Committee, and the issuing of the 6 months' assessment, and the payment from the latter of 360,000*l.* to Blackwell and Deane for the army. Approved 13 July.

16. Order on certificate that the Master of the Rolls was formerly paid 32*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, yearly:—viz., for examining escheats 10*l.*, for keeping a house of converts 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, for 2 chaplains 8*l.*, and for one clerk 26*s.* 8*d.*, payable by the Clerk of the Hanaper,—that as Wm. Lenthall, now Master of the Rolls, was paid by Sir Wm. Allenson, Clerk of the Hanaper, for the allowance of 10*l.* until and for midsummer 1644, and for the other allowances until Jan. 29 1643–4, and not since, Allenson pay him the arrears of the respective allowances, and continue them. Approved 13 July.

17. Approval by the Protector of 4 orders of this day.

19. Order that, as last Trinity term nothing could be done in the Exchequer Court on Isaac Pennington's case, because the Lord Chief Baron was sitting alone, the order of 25 May be renewed until Michaelmas term, and the sheriff enjoined to return him his goods, and stay proceedings, on his giving the required security. Approved 20 July. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 178–184.]

July 13. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Walter Elwood and Thos. Appletree, justices of peace for co. Oxford. The warden and other inhabitants of Henley-on-Thames have shewn complaints of the undue outing of John Tyler from the office of town clerk there, and the placing an unfit person in his room. You are to learn the truth in this matter, and certify Council, according to the tenor of the order of reference, which, with the petition, is enclosed. [*I.* 76, *p.* 179.]

July 13. Order and declaration by the Protector for continuing the Army Committee and the army assessments, to the same effect as that of 14 March [*page* 76 *supra*], giving them the disposal of moneys paid in before 25 Dec. 1655. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 87–8; *I.* 76, *p.* 183.]

July 13. Dorchester. **52.** Cornet Jo. Walpole to Gen. Desborow, Suffolk House, Strand. I send the best account I can, owing to my own insufficiency in things of this nature, the disaffection of some, and the timorousness of others in this county; the subtle deportment of those I have to enquire after makes it harder for us, being strangers.

The county troop had a rendezvous yesterday at Charmister Gate, Dorchester Downs, whither I marched your troop, and they exercised together. They are mostly old soldiers, and may do good service if pains are taken with them. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

52. i. *Examination of Thos. Osborne, of Sherbourne, co. Dorset. On 9 July last, heard Steven Bound boast he would have a king; asked him whom, and he replied King Charles, and that all who disowned him were rogues. Tried to arrest and take him before Capt. Chaffin, but he* *was rescued by several others; to avoid being injured, made his escape.* 12 *July* 1655. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

52. II. *Examination of John Forrest, of Sherbourne. Seeing a tumult in the fair, went to it, and asked Osborne what harm Bound had done him. Details of the fray.* 12 *July* 1655. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

52. III. *Examination of Steven Bound, of Sherbourne. Was at the fair, but so drunk that he knows not what he said or did. With note that Bound and Forrest are in Capt. Chaffin's custody.* 12 *July* 1655. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

July 13. Liverpool. **53.** Capt. Saml. Windis to the Admiralty Commissioners. I heard with surprise from Mr. Thorpe, also from Mr. Greene, of Manchester, a quondam Cavalier, that I was dismissed from the employment I have held for 6 years, and that I am to make room for a successor. I beg to know the truth, and shall hasten to London about it. I thought that my judgment, fidelity, and all possible industry, for which I have more vouchers in support from persons in the city [Chester] and county than I think meet to relate, with expensive journeys,—besides the blood of my 3 only brothers, and some of his own lost at Marston Moor, and my particular hazards run on the late intended invasion by the Scotch King; also my being out of pocket 250*l.* for provisions I was bound by contract to supply for the service, besides goods lost at Galloway and elsewhere,—would have obtained a suspension of the few pounds mentioned till I was convicted; but I must submit to rule. [1 *page.*]

July 15. Boston, New England. **54.** Jno. Leverett to the Navy Commissioners. I came out with Major Sedgwick, and was left behind to hold and maintain what was taken by the Major from the French. I was left very naked of stock, and of provision and pay for the soldiers, so that I have disbursed 2,500*l.* for the Commonwealth. I am now going to the forts, but fear I shall not return before the dispatch of the shipping for England. My necessities are now so great that I have been forced to draw a bill upon the Navy Treasurer for 500*l.*, of which I have rendered an account to His Highness. I beg you will see that my bills are promptly met, as agreed before I left England, that I may more comfortably carry on my troublesome and unprofitable business, as the failure thereof will be greater damage than can be foreseen.

The want of trade has been a great loss, but I hope by ship and supply from you I shall be better accommodated for the future, and by this voyage lessen the charge 1,000*l.* a year. If we once get in the right way of correspondence, there is good to be done, otherwise there will be nothing but a yearly charge to the Commonwealth. [1 *page.*]

July $\frac{15}{25}$. Antwerp. John Adams to Pieter Hacker, London. Mr. Armorer and Sir Jos. Wagstaff, newly arrived from England, say there are yet many of C. S. [Charles Stuart's] friends who would show themselves in another design, though the last had no better success. The reason was the King kept not the day promised for their rising, but broke twice with them, which made many think they were fooled, and so they never appeared. They say the people are well affected to C. S., but their own factions at Court are the ruin of every plot. I am going with them to Holland. They think it best to be quiet awhile, and see if your divisions will not give them an advantage. They are going to Cologne, to give C. S. an account of their business.

Here is Massey, Titus at Breda, Bunch and Major Wood at Rotterdam; they have been consulting about their former requests to C. S. for the liberty of the Presbyterians, but delay going to Cologne till Lord Balcarras, their patron, come out of France. Titus would not go with them, thinking the Presbyterians could not serve C. S., and their plots would be all frustrated. They rely much on Lord Willoughby of Parham, who is imprisoned with many more of their friends. This troubles them, as well as the Royalists, who say that most of those in the last plot, and many others well affected, are apprehended. The Presbyterian Council meet here no more before they go to Cologne, so I shall return to Rotterdam and Utrecht, their chief rendezvous. I had better not write to you again under the name of Hacker; give me another direction. The people here are perplexed at the French approach, and fear their King and you will have a war. Most believe a flying report that your fleet has taken St. Domingo. [1⅔ *pages. Flanders correspondence.*]

July 16. **55.** J. Bankes to Jos. Williamson. You gave me a discharge, being an under officer of your troop, but I wear the colours still, and wish we might meet to distribute others. Let me hear how transactions go forward this Act, and whether Mr. Dillington has returned. Private affairs. [1 *page.*]

July 17. **56.** Petition of Geo. Vyne on behalf of his mother, 8 children, and himself, to the Council. My father, myself, and 2 brothers attended all Committees of the first Parliament which sat in the Exchequer Rooms for 13 years, without allowance either for service or disbursements. The Protector referred our petition to Major Horseman, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Gookin, who reported that we should have, in part of our services, a debt of 600*l.* due from the executors of Sir Simon Every, Receiver-General of the Duchy of Lancaster, which report Council confirmed by order of 14 August [1654], referring it to be recovered by the Commissioners at Haberdashers' Hall for our use. We attended them 7 months, but they, being ignorant of the procedings for recovery of debts of that nature, Council, by order of 23 Feb. [1654–5], referred it to the Treasury Commissioners, who, after full hearing of Sir Henry Every, son and executor of Sir Simon, ordered him to pay into the Exchequer by 1 Nov. [1655] 738*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.* We have spent 100*l.* to regain the said debt. My father died, leaving his wife and 8 children 570*l.* in debt, and no income to maintain them; two employments in the Exchequer, worth 240*l.* a year, lapsed at his death, and one by the death of my brother, slain in the service of the State in Ireland. I beg an order for payment of the said 738*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.* [¾ *page.*]

July 17. Order thereon for its payment to Vyne as soon as paid into the Exchequer by Every. Approved 20 July. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 184, 192.]

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July 17. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on a report on the petition of Robert Lindsey, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife, and a certificate thereon from the Master of the Rolls — they praying restoration to an estate from which Elizabeth was disinherited, by a fine alleged to have been forged or unduly procured when she was under 12 years old—that the matter should be determined by the legislative power, and the petitioners left to seek redress in Parliament. *Annexing,*

> **57.** I. *Report alluded to, signed by Wolsley and Rous, giving the details of malversations by which Roger Dale, father, and Godfrey Chitnall, uncle by marriage, of the said Elizabeth, endeavoured to alienate the property of the grandfather, Wm. Toft.* [1½ *pages.*]

5. The draft of instructions for Geo. Downing, employed to the Protestant Cantons of Switzerland, read and approved.

7. Order on report on the petition of the Earl of Lothian [*see* 4 *July* 1655] that Ant. Wilson deliver up his bonds, discharge him of the Fewe and Blanch duties of 73*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* a year for 1653 and 1654, and allow him to retain the said duties till Martinmas 1658, 4 complete years, by which time the 300*l.* due to him on his father's pension will be paid.

8. The draft of instructions for the new Trade Committee read, and to be again considered to-morrow.

9. The fines imposed by the Act of Grace for Scotland on Sir Wm. Scott, Pat. Scott, James Lord Carmichael, Sir John Wauchop, Sir John Scott, and Sir Jas. Arnott, and suspended 6 April last, to be absolutely discharged, and their estates freed therefrom. Approved 20 July.

10. Geo. Bilton, deputy-treasurer at Leith, to be allowed 2*d.* in the pound of all the moneys received by him as fines from estates in Scotland, for his pains and charges. Approved 20 July.

12. An information from Mr. Atwood, J.P. for Essex, about Steph. Galwell, said to be the late King's youngest son, referred to the clerks of Council, to examine the matter and report, and also to say what should be allowed the constable of Springfield, to whose custody he was committed, for the charge of him and his company. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 184–6.]

July 19. **58.** Petition of Capt. Wm. Burrill, Governor of Mersey Island, to the Protector. On 4 May 1654 I passed my garrison account with the Army Committee, from 28 March 1649 to 25 July 1653, and paid all that was due thereon. But there were 26 days omitted from the account, which the Committee acknowledged, on examination of the muster rolls, and my commission from Lord Gen. Fairfax, part of which I have had to advance. I beg payment of the whole. With reference, signed by the Protector, to Council, 14 July 1655. [1 *sheet.*]

July 19. **59.** Reference thereon in Council to Com.-Gen. Whalley and the Committee of Officers for reducements, to report. [¼ *page; also I.* 76, *p.* 186.]

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July 19. **60.** Petition of the Laird of Fowlis to the Protector. By the report on your reference, I am referred to the Council of Scotland for reparation, according to Gen. Monk's declaration of 4 May 1654, or to have some proposal from the said Council to you for my relief, neither of which includes any present satisfaction, all the rebels being pardoned by capitulation, and I unable to return hither with any new proposal to his Highness, and my condition being unable to bear delay. My present sufferings and fear of future danger trouble my spirit, and I am near men of blood who, on the least opportunity, would break out into rebellion. If abettors and assisters formerly in rebellion, and now under the General and Col. Lilburne's declarations, pass unpunished, without being in any article of capitulation, it will strengthen the hands of evil-doers, and bring low the peaceable. I beg relief for myself and other well-affected sufferers by the late rebels. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

60. I. *Report that on* 4 *May* 1654, *Gen. Monk declared that damage done to sufferers for good affection should be repaired from the estates of the damagers, or of their friends and adherents, or of the parish, presbytery, or shire where the wrong was done, in case they do not apprehend the offenders, or give the English forces such notice that they may be apprehended by them. Also on* 23 *April* 1655, *a court martial at Edinburgh declared Fowlis a sufferer for his affection to Government, and on* 22 *March* 1654–5 *Col. Fitch, appointed thereto by Monk, certified Fowlis's losses at* 1,196*l.* 12*s.* 6*d. We therefore think a letter should be written to the Council in Scotland to repair his losses, according to the said declaration; or, if that security be taken away, the Council should think of and propose some other way. Signed by Edw. Whalley, G. Downing, Sa. Desborow, and W. Goffe, of the Committee of Officers. With reference thereon to Council, signed by the Protector,* 14 *July* 1655. [1 *page.*]

July 19. Order thereon in Council for the following letter. [*I.* 76, *p* .188.]

July 19. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Gen. Monk and the rest of the Council in Scotland. Letter to the effect suggested in the above report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 189.]

July 19. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Chris. Pack Lord Mayor, and Sir Thos. Vyner Alderman, treasurers for the Protestants of Piedmont, to pay the postage of letters and other charges relating thereto.

6. The establishment passed on July 12 to be the establishment of the foot forces and garrisons in England and Wales, and all the forces which exceed that number to be reduced. The Army Committee to pay them off on their reducement.

7. A letter from Bradshaw, resident at Hamburg, of July 10, 1655, referred to Mulgrave, Lisle, Strickland, and Pickering, to consider the difference mentioned, consult witnesses, and report.

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8. A letter of July 16 from the Admiralty Judges, concerning the Paul and her lading, taking by a privateer, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report.

10. The report from the Treasury Commissioners—that they hear that the jewels, viz., the George, the collar of SS., and the garter, given to and worn by the Knights of the Garter, were on their death delivered up to the King, and that on the death of the late Duke of Richmond and Earl of Pembroke, their jewels remained in the hands of their executors—referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to call in the jewels, which are to be delivered up accordingly.

15. Order on report on examination of the matter concerning Stephen Galwell that, as there appears no cause to detain him, he and those accompanying him, be discharged from further attendance, and that Mr. Jessop pay Wm. Clerk, constable of Springfield, Essex, 4*l.* out of the 40*l.* delivered him on account, for the charges of the above.

16. Order—on a letter of July 2 from the Admiralty Commissioners to the Treasury Commissioners, that the fleet requires 100,000*l.*,—to advise an order for payment thereof to Hutchinson, the Navy Treasurer.

18. Jessop to report to Council to-morrow on the petition of Thos. Smithsby, John Blackwell, Nich. Bond, and other servants of the late King, Queen, and Prince.

20. Council to meet this afternoon to consider of money for the public service.

21. Gen. Desborow added to the meeting of officers.

22. Ralph Hall appointed clerk to the said meeting.

23. A proclamation for putting in execution the laws touching assize of bread, and all weights and measures, read again, and on the question, passed.

25. The report from the Committee on the pay of officers and soldiers under Gen. Venables in the Western expedition referred to the said Committee, to give Fras. Hodges directions to pay the fourth months' pay, according to the establishment for a special service, to the wives and assignees of such as Gen. Desborow shall certify to have been shipped, and as have their names on the muster roll, and who can prove to Hodges, Bowes, and Creed, that they are the wives, &c., of the officers and soldiers, although they have no letters of attorney. Approved 26 July. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 186–191.]

July 19. **61.** Copy of a lease by Dr. Hen. King, dean, and the chapter of Rochester, to Daniel Leaze, for 21 years, of a tenement and lands in Chatham, including a field called Le Conygree; rent, 40*s.* a year. [4 *sheets. Damaged.*]

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Maiden Newton.
62. Examinations of Thos. Hallett, minister of Chaddington, co. Dorset; Jno. Warren, of the same place; Brigedius a Vyanen, minister of Abbotstoke; and Robt. Newman, Fras. Guppy, Hum. Everatt, Jno. Smith, Jno. Doulman, and Roger Pawlett, all of co.

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Dorset, before Cornet Jno. Walpole and Quartermaster Rich. Bustan, of Gen. Desborow's troop of horse. Jno. Warren, of Chadington, and Geo. Penny, of Tollar, a recusant, and others said that they were fools and madmen who managed the last insurrection so indiscreetly; that instead of taking away the judges' commission they should have taken their lives, or secured them, and raised the *posse comitatus* and not rode away so fast, for there were friends ready to help them, but not yet in condition; that had they stayed at Salisbury, 10,000 would have joined them; that meetings were held at Lord Poulett's and Squire Stroude's; that some Cavaliers, after Wagstaffe's rout, were received at Sir Hugh Windham's house, &c. Gregory Gibbs, of Parrat, Major Mohun, Mr. Barratt, Robt. Parker, Saunder Hood, Mr. Paul, minister of Pilsdon, Edm. Raw, minister of Limston, co. Devon, and Francis, his brother, were all of the King's party. [3 *pages.*]

July 20. **63.** Petition of John Spencer to Council, for leave to stay in town to settle his affairs and for his health. Was in arms for the late King, but compounded and took out his pardon. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

63. i. *Certificate by Dr. John Hinton that it would be very hazardous for him to interrupt his course of physic and travel at present.* 10 *July* 1655. [¾ *page.*]

July 20. Order thereon that he have leave to remain in town, the late Proclamation notwithstanding. [*I.* 77, *p.* 192.]

July 20. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order that in the establishment for the Tower of London, instead of 4 companies of foot, consisting—besides 1 major, 4 captains, 4 lieutenants, 4 ensigns, 8 serjeants, 12 corporals, and 4 drummers—

				A month.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Of 400 private soldiers at - -	602	9	4	608	1	4
Fire and candles for the guards -	5	12	0			

there be 6 companies of foot, consisting of the same officers, but only of—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
350 soldiers at - - - -	598	14	8	604	12	8
Fire and candles for the guard -	5	12	0			

2. Lambert's report from the Committee who were to prepare something for the better collecting of Custom and Excise in Scotland, of a draft for additional instruction to the Council of Scotland to that purpose, read twice, and on the question, approved.

3. Order—on report on the reference about 30 men placed under Capt. [Thos.] Foster by Col. Lilburne's order, in Middleham Castle [*see* 25 *May* 1655]—that Capt. Foster and his men have 2 months' pay according to the army establishment, and that the Army Committee issue their warrant accordingly. Approved 9 Aug. *Annexing,*

64. i. *Report alluded to, by Lieut.-Col. Chas. Worsley and Fras. White, suggesting* 1 *month's pay, but altered to* 2, *on account*

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of the time passed since the report; and certificate by Fras. White that Col. Lilburne mistook the name of Foster, Governor of Middleham Castle, for Conyers. 20 *July* 1655. [1 *page.*]

7. Approval by the Protector of 5 orders, 13–17 July.

9. **65.** Order on report from the Committee on the reducement of the army, a paper by the army officers, and another by the Committee, the case being put to queston.

That the pay of the Commander-in-chief of England, Scotland, and Ireland, be humbly left to his Highness.

That reductions be made from the several branches as follows:—

SUMMARY.	£	s.	d.
General officers for England and Scotland	12	1	6
7 regiments of horse in England	27	2	6
(each troop to be of 50, beside officers)			
13 foot regiments in Scotland	131	15	0
7 horse „ „	14	14	0
Artillery train, England and Scotland	29	0	0

A troop of dragoons in Scotland to be reduced; the draught horses reduced to be disposed of by order of Gen. Monk.

GARRISONS IN SCOTLAND REDUCTIONS.			
Edinburgh and Leith	2	14	6
Inchgarvey demolished.			
Linlithgo to be kept by the army.			
Stirling	0	3	0
Johnston	0	3	0
Dundee	0	3	0
Burnt Island reduced.			
Inverness	0	8	0
Orkney Island	1	2	0

The other garrisons, on report of Lord Lambert, as follows:—

Scalloway Castle	0	4	0
Ayr	0	13	0
Also a gunner and his 2 mates.			
Inverlochy	0	17	6
Also a gunner's mate, and 14 matrosses.			
Dunottar	0	4	0
Also a gunner or mate.			
Dunstaffnage	0	4	0
Also the like.			
Blair of Athol	0	3	6
Ruthen Castle	0	3	6
Balloch	0	3	6

None but the aforesaid garrisons to be paid out of the Army's contingencies.

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The companies lately at Guernsey, Jersey, and Scilly, and now gone in the Western expedition, to be omitted from the new establishment.

The pay of each foot soldier in England or Scotland to be 9*d.* a day, those in garrison 8*d.*

Each trooper to have 2*s.* 3*d.* a day.

The Army Committee to compute what the arrears of those disbanded will amount to. Also to prepare the draft of an establishment on these rules and reducements, and report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 191–6.]

66. I. *Suggestions by Col. Sydenham for alterations and reductions in the Army establishment in England, Scotland, and Ireland.* 4 *and* 5 *July* 1655. [5 *written and* 3 *blank pages.*]

July 20. **67–71.** Calculations and suggestions relative to the said reduction. [5 *papers.*]

July 20. **72.** Order by the Treasury Commissioners,—on the form read of a certificate and schedule to be made by the justices of peace and others who are to execute the late proclamation concerning Jesuits and Recusants,—appointing Chris. Bernard, one of the attorneys of the 2nd remembrancer office of Exchequer, to attend Sec. Thurloe with the said form, and to advise that it should be printed and sent into the several counties of England and Wales, with directions to the justices, &c. to observe that form in their certificates of their execution of the proclamation. [½ *page.*]

July 20. **73.** Account by Col. Jno. Berkstead, J. White, Wm. Biller, and Major J. Miller, of the remains of small arms in the Tower, distinguishing those unserviceable, or to be cleaned. Taken by order of the Admiralty Commissioners of 22 June. [*Parchment damaged.*]

July 20. Wells. **74.** Lieut. Theo. Barnard to Gen. Desborow, Suffolk House. I send you the enclosed, by desire of Mr. Smith and the other gentlemen having the hearing of Mr. Wood's business; also an information of Mr. Dorrington and others against Sir Hen. Berkley, a very old man, but a desperate enemy to Government, a wicked Cavalier; if you will direct me and some of the justices, we may find out the truth of it. I hoped much from the important gentlemen to whom you gave me commands, and who are said to be well affected, but I cannot get a word from them against this public enemy. I sent to you at Exeter, but regret your sudden departure from the West, on account of your lady's illness.

I exercised two county troops of horse at Exeter, consisting of 250 horse, and although they were not horsed so well as you could wish, the officers engaged they should be complete in horse and arms by the next meeting. I acquainted them that you would try to meet them before you left the West; they gave a volley and a shout, and declared their readiness to serve you as long as they lived. [1 *page.*]

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July 20. Gray's Inn. **75.** Thos. Lamplugh to Williamson. If you could come up to London, we could strike up, "Betty, come kiss me now," without fear of Proctor, Provost, or Dean; nor should you outvie us in Greek or Hebrew rhymes, for our law affords blades that can "*totas noctes et Græcari et inebriari*;" but if you cannot come, fix a place where we may meet ½ way. [¾ *page.*]

July 23. Dorchester. **76.** Cornet Jo. Walpole to Gen. Jno. Desborow. I offered Sir Hugh Windham liberty to go home upon giving security for 10,000*l.*, but he refused, as being a stranger in the county, and his son-in-law having already engaged for him. [½ *page.*]

July 24. Plymouth Fort. **77.** Lieut. Sam. Larke to Gen. Jno. Desborow. I have reduced the garrison according to his Highness's orders, with the best skill I could. I was ordered to give those reduced 10 weeks' pay, and to draw a bill on the Treasurers-at-war for it; but as you wrote Mr. Doble that you would soon have the money in hand, I took up the money from the Commissioners for Prize Goods here, and have given a 6 days' bill on you, payable to the Prize Commissioners in London, which I hope you will meet, as there will be nothing to pay for the exchange. The mistake of 17*l.* 8*s.* in the accounts seems to be the preacher's pay.

I want your order to release some of the prisoners who last came in, they being willing to take the engagement, and serve in our men-of-war. I suppose you have heard from Capt. Hatsell of the flying reports respecting the West Indian fleet. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

77. I. *List of* 28 *officers and soldiers reduced in Plymouth Fort, and* 22 *in the Island, with their* 10 *weeks' pay, total,* 178*l.* 10*s.* [½ *page.*]

77. II. *List of* 17 *prisoners in the Castle under command of Hen. Champlyn, marshal.* [⅔ *page.*]

July 24. **78.** Petition of the inhabitants of Paulerspury, and 14 other villages near Whittlewood Forest, to the Protector. Our ancestors had rights of common in Pibble Stow and Long Dean coppices, co. Northampton, but 50 years since, they were taken, by order of King James to the then Earl of Dorset, into Wakefield lawn, for feeding the deer; and in lieu thereof, the Earl bought a lease of 3 other coppices, Hollowbrook, Bryery, and Catwell Hill, from Sir Geo. Farmer and others, for the commoners. But since then, John Urlin has purchased these 3 coppices from the Trustees, so that we have no right of common, to our great prejudice. We beg redress. With 5 sheets of signatures. [6 *papers.*] *Annexing,*

78. I. *Information of Rich. Dobson that Urlin bade him kill deer in the winter, and had the deer.* [*Scrap.*]

78. II. *Charge by Benj. Coldwell against John Urlin, for gross offences committed in the forest against the vert and venison; as felling timber, encroaching on the forest, blocking up highways, hunting and destroying the deer, &c.* [1½ *pages.*]

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78. III. *Charge by Benj. Coldwell against John Hathway, minister of Lillingston Lovell, co. Oxon, for hunting and destroying deer in Whittlewood Forest. [⅔ page.]*

78. IV. *Charge by Coldwell against Sir Wm. Farmer for destroying deer, encouraging deer stealers, and ordering his keepers to shoot his Highness's officers, and kill their dogs, if they came near his coppices. [¾ page.]*

78. V. *Charges by Coldwell against Wm. Taylor and Wm. Perry, for shooting and stealing deer in* 1649, *and ill-treating the keepers. [1⅔ pages.]*

July 24. Whitehall. **79.** Order by the Protector that Sir Wm. Farmer, John Urlin, John Hathway, Wm. Taylor, and Wm. Perry, appear before Council, 16 Aug. next, to answer to the said charges of destroying the deer, assembling riotously, and affronting and abusing the keepers of the forest. Signed. [1 *page.*]

July 24. **80.** Petition of divers inhabitants of Botolph's, Bishopsgate, to the Protector. Thanks for the means of Grace which we have enjoyed under John Simpson, and since his restraint, under Dan. Nicholls, whereby many have been turned from Satan to God; we had hoped for continuance of this favour, Simpson growing daily more fixed in declaring to us the Gospel of Christ; but, to the great trouble of most of the inhabitants, we hear that, by false information of some few in the parish, both are to be removed, and [Sam.] Lee appointed, who shows no wish to come. We beg continuance of Simpson, or appointment of Nicholls. 155 signatures. Noted "His Highness will speak with Mr. Lee." [5 *sheets.*] *Annexing,*

80. I. *Notes of Council orders in Simpson's case.* 25 *and* 28 *Jan.,* 26 *and* 27 *April,* 13 *and* 17 *July* 1654, and 13 *Dec.* 1655. [½ *page.*]

July 24. Note of the reading of the petition in Council. [*I.* 76, *p.* 198.]

July 24. **81.** Petition of David Clarkson, minister, to the Protector and Council. I was settled in Crayford rectory [Kent] by Parliament, and approved by the Commissioners appointed by your Ordinance; but Edw. May, former preacher, put out by the late County Commissioners for scandal and delinquency, and forbidden to come within 10 miles of the place, has brought an action against me, in the name of Nich. Gardener, of Bromley, put me out, and got possession.

By virtue of your late proclamation, which provides relief for such cases, I demanded possession of the rectory, and reparation of damages, but May and Gardener refuse obedience. I beg a special order for execution of your proclamation. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

81. I. *Certificate by Maj.-Gen. Thos. Blount and Col. John Twistleton to the ill conduct and disaffection of May. [1 page.]*

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July 24. Order thereon in Council that May attend Council to answer the matter, and do not depart without leave. [*I.* 76, *p.* 198.]

July 24. **82.** Petition of [Col. Hum. Mackworth], governor of [Shrewsbury], to the Protector. You ordered me on 10 April to receive another company from Worcester into Shrewsbury garrison, and [disband my own], but the company did not arrive till 18 April; yet the Army Committee will not pay my company beyond 10 April. I beg order for their payment to the 18th. [½ *page.*] *Annexing,*

> **82.** I. *The Protector to Col. Mackworth. You are to disband your company and receive another from Worcester, that the place may be in better security, for you have many townsmen who cannot be as well relied on for exact duty as strangers.* 10 *April* 1655. [*Copy* ¾ *page.*]

July 24. Order in Council for a warrant to the Army Committee to pay the said company to the time of their disbanding. Approved 2 Aug. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 204, 216.]

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5. Order that 15,000*l.* of the money collected for the Savoy Protestants be transmitted to Geneva and Switzerland; the former Committee of Council to communicate this to the Committee appointed to take care of the collection, and to advise with them and such others as they think fit, about the best way of effecting it.

6. (1–10.) Alterations made in the instructions for the Council in Scotland. [*See* 30 *March* 1655, *pp.* 108–110, *supra.*]

(1–3.) Are verbal alterations.
(9.) The instructions for the Council to bear date from 24 June last.
(10) The quorum of the Council to be 5.
(11.) The Council to continue for 3 years from 24 June.
(12.) The president's salary to be 1,000*l.* a year.
(13.) The rest of the Council to have 600*l.* a year each.
(14.) 2 ministers to be allowed the Council in Scotland.
(15.) A Great Seal and other seals and mace to be provided for Scotland.
(16.) Also a mace for the Council in Scotland.
(17.) His Highness to be advised to confirm the articles of war granted by the General there.
(18.) The Council to be empowered to cause the assessments to be levied in Scotland as in England.
(19.) The Committee for Scottish Affairs to prepare instructions according to these votes.
(20.) Also to consider proposals for settling a Court of Admiralty in Scotland, and reviving the powers of the Commissioners for Claims, as to debts and other just charges due out of estates of excepted persons, and touching transport of fell, wool, and hides, and to report.

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(21.) The instructions for the Council in Scotland to be sent for and altered.

7. Order,—on information to Council that John Monger, of Godalming, Surrey, is required at the next Surrey assizes at Kingston 1 August, and at the Chelmsford assizes for Essex 11 Aug., as a witness on several trials,—allowing him to travel from his house to the said places and back, without incurring any penalty through the late proclamation, ordering all who have been of the King's party to depart from the lines of communication before 12 July last. *Annexing,*

83. I. *John Fielder to Fras. Rous, requesting this license, Monger being the only person living who can prove a certain deed.* 24 *July* 1655. [¾ *page.*]

8. All the provisions of war at Bristol to be removed to Chepstow Castle, and the Royal Fort demolished.

9. All the ammunition and provisions of war at Liverpool to be removed to West Chester Castle.

10. Lambert reports from the Committee several particulars concerning the new army establishment. Order that certain reducements mentioned be made in the pay of officers, &c., chiefly in Scotland. *Annexing,*

84. I., II. *Report alluded to, and draft thereof.* [2 *papers.*]

11. Mr. Sterry to preach once on the Lord's day at Whitehall Chapel or Hampton Court, as shall be ordered.

12. Hugh Peters to preach once a week at Whitehall, on the usual week day.

14. The petition of Sir Thos. Wharton, referred by the Protector to Council, read, and not to be committed.

16. To advise that out of the 50,000*l.* which Sir Thos. Vyner and Alderman Riccard are to pay in, 30,000*l.* be paid to John Blackwell, jun., and Rich. Deane, for pay of the forces to be reduced in Scotland. Approved 2 Aug.

17, 18. The Treasury Commissioners to consult the Army Committee about orders for the regular issue of the said 30,000*l.* Also about what remains due to any officers and soldiers to be reduced in England, on the fortnight's pay lately in arrear on the muster of May 31, 1654, and what the arrears amount to, and report.

19. Lambert and Sydenham to prepare a letter to the Lord Deputy and Council of Ireland, according to Council's vote of last Friday, concerning reducement of forces there to the proportion of 27,000*l.* a month.

20. The instruction for the monthly assessment to be given to the Council in Scotland, prepared by the Scotch Committee, read, and agreed to.

21, 22. On the Committee's opinion that 100*l.* should be assigned for a mace for the Scotch Council, order that it be provided.

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23–25. On their opinion that a seal is necessary for the Scotch Council, and seals for the Courts of Justice there, but that the Great Seal might be spared, orders passed accordingly.

26. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on a reference on Tobias Sollicoffer's petition—that as the goods in the Peter, taken during the Dutch war by a Commonwealth ship, were sold off, because perishable, and were afterwards ordered by the Admiralty Commissioners to be restored; and as such of them as were strangers' goods paid ¼ more custom than Englishmen's goods—the Customs' Commissioners repay Sollicoffer and those interested in the said goods 375*l.* Approved 2 Aug.

27, 28. To advise his Highness to bestow on Hum. Mackworth, Governor of Shrewsbury, the first company of foot that can be so disposed of, and [Rich.] Smith to be his lieutenant; and that until the company be so assigned, Mackworth and Smith be allowed the constant pay of a captain and lieutenant. Approved 2 Aug.

30. Col. Thos. Croxton's foot company at Chester (being instead of the late company at Shrewsbury Castle), to be continued in the Army Establishment, according to the rules for the other foot forces.

31. The order concerning Mr. Higgins and the rest of the Southampton men to be stopped till further order. Strickland, Mulgrave, and Desborow added to the Committee thereon.

32. Mr. Jessop having examined several papers touching footmen and coachmen who attended the ambassadors and agents, and presenting 2 warrants for money, viz., 148*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* on papers certified by Mr. Tyton and Mr. Compton, both Serjeant's Deputies, and 145*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* on a paper certified by Chas. Rich, his Highness' Avenor, —order that the said warrants be signed forthwith. [*I.* 76, *p.* 197–204.]

July 24. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Mayor and Aldermen of Bristol. His Highness and Council have determined that the Royal Fort at Bristol shall be demolished, and commend it to your care to have it done. [*I.* 76, *p.* 201.]

July 25. **85.** Power of attorney by Lewis Boulden, of Horseydown, Southwark, late master of the Solomon of London, to Chas. Cook, citizen and turner of London, to receive 354*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* due to Boulden and 2 mates of his ship, for iron, tallow, linen, &c. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

85. I. *Certificate by Lord Inchiquin that the said sum is due to them for the said goods, with hides, fish, pipe-staves, &c., and request for payment.* 23 *Oct.* 1644. [⅔ *page.*]

July 25. **86.** Deposition by Boulden that the said sum is due to him, and that no part of it has been paid. [⅔ *page*]

July 25. The Nightingale, Plymouth Sound. **87.** Capt. Robt. Vessey to the Admiralty Commissioners. Plying on my station off the French coast, I surprised a vessel belonging to Plymouth, laden with salt and casks, which had been sent in from the Lizard by a Brest man-of-war, commanded by Capt. Grosse, late

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Lieut.-Governor of Scilly; from her I received so good intelligence that I stood over in company with her to the Lizard, where I espied the Brest man at anchor amongst the fishermen, with whom he seemed to hold correspondence. I gave him chase, and Capt. Grosse, seeing he could not escape, with his lieutenant, who is Capt. Meldrum's son, left her, and ran ashore in a fisher boat; the frigate also ran ashore, and all the men save 5 or 6 escaped up the country. I sent my boat, which brought her off; others of my men went in pursuit of the crew, and have since returned with 13 prisoners, one of whom is an Englishmen, and was their gunner. They would have taken the captain, but the country was treacherous. I anchored last night before Pendennis, and sent to the Governor, who is using all diligence to apprehend those villains, took in my men, and the prisoners, and I have brought in the prizes safely. The man-of-war had 3 guns and 50 men, many of them English. I have on board 26 prisoners, whom I shall put on shore. Some of them, who are left with the Governor for discovery, say that a gentleman who was residing near supplied Capt. Grosse with water and fresh meat.

Were my frigate tight and clean, I could hunt down these rogues, some of whom are gone to the Severn, but she has been leaky ever since we have been in the Downs, and we pump 3 times a watch. This will not be stopped till we come in to revictual 5 weeks hence. An Ostender has been to Brest, taken a commission, and also gone to the Severn, and 2 more are daily expected from Dunkirk upon the same account; I hope to meet with them. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

87. I. *Certificate by Capt. Chr. Grosse that he has taken the Elizabeth of Plymouth, by virtue of a commission from the Duke of York, and appointed Jno. Dent, his quartermaster, to take the command, and carry her to Brest, or any other port in amity with his Majesty.* 22 *July* 1655. [½ *page.*]

July 25. The Amity, between the Start and Dartmouth.

88. Capt. Hen. Pack to the Admiralty Commissioners. I was sent home from the fleet by the Generals with their dispatches, received 12 June, partly to convoy a Hamburgher seized on her way from Marseilles to Newhaven, and partly for the guns I took in at Carthagena, and some cotton wool which the General ordered to be imported on account of Dan. Morse, a merchant whom we brought from Tunis, together with the Consul from there, and also I had to bring home some maimed and disabled soldiers from the fleet. Coming to Plymouth, I landed the Consul of Tunis, also a passenger, and I sent up my dispatches. I have in my company the Fame, a French frigate, surprised by Capt. Rich. Country of the Diamond, formerly Lieutenant of the Worcester. On account of the sad condition of the sick and wounded, I will lose no time in hastening to the Downs. [1 *page.*]

July 25. The Lyme.

89. Capt. Jno. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Sparrow Pink, Dogger and Ketch, are still in the Narrows, waiting for the person concerning whom his Highness and you gave orders;

searching a packet boat from Dunkirk to Dover, they found one somewhat answering the hints given; upon examination he appears to be a merchant's servant of London, yet not knowing but he may be the man, I send him up by my lieutenant. He said he was not the man I looked for, but he believed it was Sir Thos. Wagstaffe; if he is not the person, he will not be prejudiced, being also bound for London. I will return to the Downs to night or to-morrow. [1 *page*.]

July 26. **90.** Petition of Mary, wife of Col. Rich. Fortescue, to the Protector. My husband has bought, from the Trustees for sale of Delinquents' Estates, Holshot Farm, late the Marquis of Winchester's during his life, with all timber, &c., and with leave to make leases for 21 or 99 years, or 1, 2, or 3 lives, reserving the old rent, and has spent large sums in repairs; but Lord St. John, the Marquis's eldest son, pretending some right therein, has sued my husband for felling timber, and obtained judgment and treble damages, and threatens to seize my goods, and to bring new suits, intending to destroy the Commonwealth's title.

My husband being absent in your service, I beg you will quiet him in his purchase, or return him his money and charges. Also I beg payment of 500*l*., part of his 3,000*l*. arrears, to satisfy some of his importunate creditors. [1 *page*.]

July 26. Reference thereon in Council to Nath. Bacon, Mr. Manby, and Mr. Brereton, to speak with the parties, enquire into the facts, and report, and his Highness to be advised meanwhile to order her 200*l*. on account, till the justice of her husband's demands for arrears be proved. [*I*. 76, *p*. 205.]

July 26. Whitehall. **91.** Petition of Col. Wm. Crowne to the Protector. Your messenger came not with your commission to raise a regiment of foot for the safety of Shrewsbury garrison till 7 March last, and the next day the castle was to have been surprized; so I was forced, for its speedy securing, to send in forthwith 50 horse and foot of my friends, who came in that very day, and those forces I kept at my own charge 10 days, till Commissary-General Reynolds came with the horse, and advised me to send away my forces. The charge for letters, intelligence, messengers, and maintaining the force was 37*l*., and I did not put the country to a penny expense, though Staffordshire charged it 700*l*. Having acted for your honour and the people's care, and done my best to secure the town and country, I beg the 37*l*., and my own charge and expense I leave to your pleasure. With reference thereon to Commissary-Gen. Whalley and Col. Goffe, to state the arrears and certify; and their report that Col. Mackworth, Governor of Shrewsbury, says that Col. Crowne spent at least 37*l*. during the late insurrection. [1½ *pages*.] *Annexing*,

91. I. *The Protector to Col. Wm. Crowne. It being justly apprehended that the Cavalier party intends speedy execution of a very evil design in the parts about Shrewsbury,*

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which they specially intend because of the weakness of the garrison, and the multitude of Malignants thereabouts, I send you down commissions for a regiment, which you are to command for protection of the honest party, and securing of Shrewsbury garrison. You are to repair thither, and advise with your friends about this and other instructions which I have given to the governor there, to whom I have lately sent a troop of horse.

P.S.—I also send you a commission for a troop. Whitehall, 5 *March* 1654–5. [*Copy,* ⅔ *page.*]

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1. To desire the Lord Deputy of Ireland to come to England speedily, to consult on Irish affairs.

2. Mr. Secretary to order Mr. Kinnersley to prepare him rooms at Somerset House, and to remove persons occupying the rooms thought fit for him.

3. Council considered the perfecting of the Army establishment for England and Scotland, as reported by Col. Sydenham, and ordered as follows, viz.:—

4, 5. That the pay of Commander-in-Chief in Scotland be 6*l.* a day, and in England 10*l.* a day.

6. That the allowance for fire and candles for Sandwich be not continued.

7. The establishment, as amended by the insertion of the above orders, agreed to. Approved, July 31.

8. The title thereof to be "An Establishment made and concluded upon by his Highness and Council, for the several forces in field and garrison in England and Scotland," to commence from Monday July 23, 1655.

12. The naval affairs of the Commonwealth to be considered to-morrow.

13. Approval by the Protector of an order of 19 July. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 204–5.]

July 26. Whitehall. The Protector to Gen. Monk. Having considered the condition of the forces in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the arrears due, owing to the necessity of keeping up a greater number of forces for safety than the revenue will answer, we have, by advice of our Council, so reduced the forces that a constant pay may be kept up, and the arrears provided for in due time. We send particulars of the reducement in Scotland, and refer you to the Council for Scotland, who will speedily be with you, to advise what may further be done for reducement of charge there.

Meantime you are to cause this new establishment to be put in speedy execution; and to enable you thereto, 30,000*l.* will be sent you for pay of the arrears of those who are to be reduced. We have settled a constant pay for the forces in Scotland in future, and hope you will not again be liable to the straits you have fallen into for want of money; ⅔ of the Excise in Scotland, and the Customs and other revenues, beyond what is requisite to defray the charge of Government, are assigned for the arrears of the standing forces, whereby we hope the needs of the soldiers will be in some measure supplied. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 196–7.]

July [26.] **92.** Establishment, in detail, for the forces in field and garrison in England and Scotland, to commence from 23 July :—

SUMMARY.	£	s.	d.
	Monthly.		
General officers for England and Scotland, monthly	817	0	4
7 regiments of horse for England	9,372	1	4
Life-guard, 45 gentlemen, beside officers	567	14	0
7 regiments of horse for Scotland	10,660	15	4
5 „ foot for England	5,765	13	4
13 „ and 1 company of foot for Scotland	16,294	16	8
4 companies of dragoons for Scotland	830	4	0
[Artillery] train for England and Scotland	374	7	8
Garrisons in England and Wales (2 companies in the Isle of Man, and 1 in Shrewsbury excepted)	5,492	18	0
Garrisons in Scotland	311	0	8
Monthly	50,486	11	4

Approved 31 July. [*Book of* 18 *written, and* 30 *blank pages. Also I.* 76*A*, *pp.* 107–124.]

July 27. Order touching the issuing of the present 6 months' assessment, commencing 24 June 1655, to the same effect as that of 27 March [*p.* 99, *suprà*]. The moneys received by the Receivers-general to be part of the 360,000*l.* ordered them by Privy Seal of 18 July 1655. [*I.* 76*A*, *pp.* 89, 90 ; *I.* 76, *pp.* 183, 208.]

July 27. **93.** Petition of John Pordage, late rector of Bradfield, co. Berks, to the Protector. I am threatened, on pretence of your Proclamation, to be turned out of my house, and not to have leave to reap the glebe which I have sown, nor to get in my arrears. As no one is nominated to the living, the Proclamation does not concern me. I beg leave to reap my harvest, gather in my arrears, and enjoy the house, glebe, &c., which you ordered me. [*See* 4 *April* 1655.] With speedy reference to Council, as harvest is now coming on, 23 July 1655. [1 *page.*]

July 27. Order thereon in Council, that the county Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers appoint honest persons to gather the profits of the rectory during the vacancy, and out of them pay Pordage 100*l.* a year and allow him to reap the corn he has sown, and gather in the arrears due before he was ejected. Approved 2 Aug. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 208, 216.]

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2. Mr. Strickland to give directions for entertainment of the Swedish Ambassador, and order Sir O. Fleming that Lady Williams' house be provided therefor.

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3–5. Nich. Bond to be steward for his diet, for 7 meals, and he to be allowed 50 dishes for the first and second course, and 20 of fruit and sweetmeats for each meal, with a fit table for his suite; and Bond to have 300*l.* imprest therefor.

6, 7. Bond to provide plate for the entertainment, and the Messengers of Council to wait at table.

8, 9. Strickland, Montague, and Whitelock, to receive and conduct him to his lodging at Lady Williams' house, and Desborow to dine with him on one of the days when he is at the State's charge.

11–13. The Army Committee to issue warrants to the Treasurers-at-war to pay the arrears due to the officers and soldiers to be reduced in Scotland, out of the 30,000*l.* now to be paid in on that account. Also of those that are to be reduced in England. Also arrears due on warrants charged by the Army Committee on the muster of 31 May 1654. Approved 2 Aug.

14. **94.** The Admiralty Commissioners to appoint a ship for carrying over the money designed for Scotland.

17. To desire Derick Host, Maj. Chamberlain, Giles Vandeput, and Nich. Corsellis, to assist the Committee on the money collected for the Protestants in Piedmont, in returning 15,000*l.* by exchange for their relief, in the safest way and at the lowest rate.

18. John Biddle's petition, to be released from his imprisonment in Newgate, read.

20. The petition of Jonas Morley and Rich. Mill referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to whom the petitioners are to discover the name of the person.

21. Order on report upon Mr. Hobson's business, that his name be left out from the Commission of the Peace; the question whether Thomas and Israel Cave, and Rob. Massey, shall have 20*l.* for their charges through his prosecution passed in the negative.

22. Order, on a letter from Col. Whichcott, for 60*l.* for bedding for the forces in Windsor Castle, and he is to take care that all the garrison soldiers be brought into the Castle.

24. Order that,—as on 12 June last, a paper about marsh lands in cos. Norfolk and Cambridge, decreed by a Commission of Sewers to the late King, was referred to a Committee of Council, to examine why his Highness's right in those lands was not set out, and to report, the question appearing to be one of title,—the Treasury Commissioners advise with counsel thereon, and if they find cause, prosecute the matter legally.

25. Order that the Solicitor-General be joined with the Attorney-General in preparing a bill in some Court of Equity on the petition of Thos. Stephenson, about the banks, &c., in Whitgift, Marshland. Serjeant [John Glynn], who was made one of the referees by the order of 11 Jan. last [*see p.* 14, *suprà*], being now Chief Justice of the Upper Bench.

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26. As the establishment for the general officers and train relates both to Scotland and England, Gen. Monk is to take note of the part concerning Scotland, make the reducements, and return to the Army Committee an exact list of the part of the train there continued, that care may be taken that it is not exceeded, nor any person doubly paid.

30. Four gunners and one gunsmith in his Highness's regiment of foot, who are now left out of the establishment, to be continued and each mustered instead of 2 of the private soldiers left out. Approved 2 Aug. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 206–210.]

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95. Anth. Porter to the Navy Commissioners. We were sent to England by the Generals, partly as convoy to a Hamburgher of 17 guns seized by the fleet in the Straits, and laden with oil, soap, and wool, partly with 20 iron guns brought from Carthagena, and partly to bring home some sick and wounded men from the fleet, two of whom died on the way. We have a warrant from the General for their admission into some hospital, but they cannot derive any benefit from it unless your order is sent for the ship to come in. [Noted that letters were sent from the Admiralty Commissioners about this.] She is very leaky, and wants anchors and cables. Capt. Rich. Country came with us as commander of the Fame, a French vessel of 15 guns, which was taken by the Diamond near Majorca, and also sent home by the Generals; also a ketch that came to us to Algiers, but left us, intending to be in England before us. [1 *page.*]

July 27.

Grant by Wm. Taylor, Alderman of York, Wm. Wood, of London, and John Clayton, jun., Thos. Oates, Wm. Scudamore, John Crowther, James Danby, and Nicholas Sanderson, all of county York, to Richard Combe, of Hemel Hempstead, co. Herts, of their interest in the moiety of that manor, with fines, &c. (sold by the Commissioners for sale of Crown Lands, 3 March 1650–1, to John Reyner, and by him transferred to the grantees), for 1,100*l.* paid to Taylor and Scudamore, and 5*s.* paid to Clayton, Wood, Oates, Crowther, Danby, and Sanderson. [*See* 5 *Dec.* 1653. *Parchment signed, Interregnum box* II., *No.* 8.]

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96. Jerome Bankes to Williamson. Your charge was so fierce that you put the corporal to a stand. I doubt not but you came off well with the ladies. It is cruel to account Dillington a student, since he that breaks his brains with study shall be buried under the gallows. Mr. Robinson might have played with Mr. Lake in this Act. You wanted music, and they would have made good harmony. I want to hear from Mr. Halton. [1½ *pages.*]

July 31.

97. Petition of Elizabeth, wife of Lieut.-Col. John Lilburne, prisoner in Jersey, to the Protector. Our grievous afflictions have obtained no remission; but after my long solicitations, and the tedious journey of my aged father, my husband's restraint is still most severe, and his senses, health, and life endangered, and all because he is represented as violent and rash, and not to be trusted with liberty. I appeal whether his extreme sufferings after trial for life, and all converse of friendship withheld, are not such matter of provocation as to have caused the expressions reported. I am confident that if you would enlarge him, he would be quiet and thankful, for no one has ever received an act of violence at his hands, and none could act with greater caution and reserve than he, after his trial at Guildhall.

I beg you to take away all provocation from his impatient spirit, wearied out with long and sore afflictions, and enlarge him, in pity to me and my children. I durst engage my life that he will not disturb the State. I should not else desire his liberty. [¾ *page.*]

July 31. **98.** Petition of Richard Lilburne, for his son Lieut.-Col. Lilburne, to the Protector. You may think, from some violent and unadvised expressions which, to my grief, my son has used in his restraint, that he would be rash and violent were he at liberty; but knowing his disposition better than any other, I am confident that this distemper proceeds only from restraint, hard usage, and afflictions; and that if I could discourse with him, I could persuade him to peaceable behaviour for all future time. I beg that I may converse with him; and if I find this true, that you will release him, on security for peaceable demeanour. [1 *page.*]

July 31. Note of the reading of these 2 petitions, but no order. [*I.* 76, *p.* 211.]

July 31. **99.** Petition of Sam. Blakesly, of Braintree, Essex, to the Protector. Thos. Wilson, collector for the Army Assessments in Stisted in 1652, being sickly, employed me as his deputy, to go with some of Com.-Gen. Whalley's troopers to make distresses, and they gave me 2 pewter flagons distrained from Hen. Austin, of Stisted, for 4*s.* tax. When the troopers were gone to Scotland, Austin prosecuted me, and Wilson, who should have indemnified me, cast Austin at law, but Austin being rich sued me, and I cannot prove that the flagons were for the State's use, the troopers being in Scotland. I have spent 30*l.* in law, and must perish in prison unless you protect me from his fury. With reference thereon to Council, 31 July 1655. [1 *page.*]

July 31. Reference by Council to Com. Gen. Whalley and the rest of the committee of officers for the business of reducements. [*I.* 76, *p.* 212.]

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1. Mr. Hobson to have liberty to go down into the country about his occasions.

2. Pickering and Strickland to wait on his Highness with certificates and papers concerning Hobson's proceedings, and give him an account of the whole matter.

3. As it was expressed in the late orders for disbanding, that arrears should be paid from 14 May last,—the officers advancing the money, and reimbursing themselves by bills of exchange on the

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Treasurers-at-war,—the Army Committee are to give warrants to the said Treasurers for payment of the said bills.

4–6. **100.** A letter prepared by Mr. Secretary to Gen. Blake read, and agreed to. His Highness advised to send the letter forthwith, and the Admiralty Commissioners required to take care of it, and despatch it immediately.

7. The report from the meeting of officers to be considered to-morrow.

8, 9. Major Redman's proposals for transporting several troops of horse to Ireland read, and referred to Lambert.

10. Col. Arthur Hill's petition, referred by the Protector to Council, referred to Lisle and Pickering, to report.

13. A letter from Dorchester of July 23, signed by John Trenchard for the Committee for ejecting scandalous Ministers in co. Dorset, concerning Roger Nicholls, minister at Sherbourne, read.

14. Col. Lockhart to have custody of the house and park of Falkland, till further order.

15. A proposal made by Lockhart concerning his Highness' title to the town and lordship of Kelsey, and the house and fortalice of Newark, in Selkirk Forest, referred to the Scotch Council, to judge if his Highness' title be good, and if so, to prosecute the discovery, and report the value of what is recovered.

16. There being a necessity for speedy money for the forces in Scotland, the War Treasurers are to order the Army Committee to send 20,000*l.* to Leith, to be shipped as the Admiralty Commissioners shall ordain, and to be then issued out according to warrants from Gen. Monk.

18. The new establishment of the army, now approved by the Protector, to be continued as the establishment of the respective numbers and allowances of pay for the forces in England and Scotland; all exceeding that number to be reduced, and the Army Committee to pay them on their reducement; those who are continued are to be paid to the amount of 50,480*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* a month.

19. The Admiralty Commissioners and others to stay the sale of growing timber in Woodstock Park, till the Lord Deputy of Ireland come over and be heard.

20. As in the new establishment, some garrisons are reduced where there are remains of arms and ammunition, Commissary-Gen. Whalley and the rest of the Reducement Committee are to receive all applications for them, and report how they may best be disposed of, and to whose care the removal may be best intrusted.

22. The Lord Deputy of Ireland to have the use of Derby House when he comes over.

23. Desborow to state the matter of fact touching a statue in the churchyard of Covent Garden, and to report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 210–2.]

July 31. **101, 102.** Remonstrance of the Commissioners for Charitable uses in Middlesex to the Protector. It is one of our many mercies that, while you converse with Kings and great ones abroad, you note the condition of poor Lazarus at home, and order us to find a way for relief of the afflicted poor; but our hands are tied by the filth of corruption in the administration of charitable uses, and the fountain so dammed up that languishing souls are tantalized by the near approach of a remedy of which they cannot reach the least drop.

You have given ample powers to the County Commissioners to reform abuses, on the Act of 43 Eliz., but they are checked by a proviso in the Act that it is not to extend to towns, colleges, hospitals, or schools where there are special governors appointed by the founders to govern lands, &c., left for charities, and this proviso is the plea of the grand delinquents. We beg its removal, as being contrary to law, and striking at the heart of the Act, exempting all special governors and visitors from appeals; it is also against equity, but this was not understood by the House before its passing.

We beg you to use the legislative power, which resides wholly in you during the interval of Parliament, and either pass an additional Ordinance qualifying this proviso, or if this be deemed too high a demand, an expedient of less noise would be to constitute the Commissioners in this employment special visitors, governors, and overseers, *pro tem.* in their respective jurisdictions, reserving the profits to the ordinary incumbents. [2 *copies.*]

July 31. Plymouth. **103.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Col. Jno. Clarke, Whitehall. The Marmaduke has arrived from St. Lucar, with 12 or 14 merchants who have resided there and at Cadiz, and who say the Spaniards were very unwilling they should leave, and tendered them all civilities at parting. I have seen a letter to the Sub-commissioners for Prize Goods from Sam. Wilson, Mr. Turpin, and Hum. Blake, stating that the Admiralty Judges have ordered the 3 prizes taken by Capts. Vessey, Sparling, and Heaton, and laden with hides, linen, and wine and brandy, to be sent up to London, which I much wonder at, as it will cost the State from 150*l.* to 200*l.*, while the goods would have sold as well at Plymouth, besides the time lost, in which claimants have all devisable advantage given them, under the rose. Notices of ships. The Nicodemus has put in to stop leaks, having nearly foundered, and some ships bound for Ireland have been driven back through the foul weather, with the loss of masts, anchors, and cables; two or three are reported to have perished. As the Treasurer has not yet paid my bill of 350*l.*, drawn in June, I have been necessitated to take up some of the assessment money, but will repay it into the Treasury at Guildhall as soon as I can. I send an order given to Capt. Sacheverell. [2 *pages.*] *Annexing,*

103. I. *Order by Gen. Blake to Capt. B. Sacheverell, of the Pearl, to proceed to England, with his dispatches to the Admiralty Commissioners, in company with the Mermaid; and after delivery, to attend their further instructions. The George, off Cape St. Vincent,* 6 *July* 1655. [*Copy,* ⅔ *page.*]

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104–108. Papers in a suit between Edw. Conway, Esq., and Anne his wife, plaintiffs, and Thos. Aylworth, of Gloucestershire, Wm. Pennoyer, of London, Hen. Barneford, and Rob. Cranmer, and others, defendants, in a case of ejectment before the Commissioners of the Great Seal. June and July 1655. [5 *papers, much damaged.*]

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Aug. 1. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order—in regard of the present necessity to issue out such part of the 92,616*l.* 5*s.* 10½*d.* charged on moneys arising from compositions, sequestrations, or sale of delinquents' estates as will pay off the 14 days' pay charged thereon by the Army Committee for the forces and garrisons,—that as not enough money has yet been received, the War Treasurers pay the remainder, being about 10,800*l.*, from any money in hand, and reimburse themselves from the next moneys that come in.

3. Sir Thos. Vyner and Ald. Riccard to forbear to pay the East India Company any more of the 30,000*l.* formerly ordered to be paid from the 85,000*l.* deposited in their hands, till further order.

4. The Navy business to be first considered to-morrow morning.

6. **1.** Provision of victuals to be made for 8,000 men for the fleet, for 6 months, for the winter guard.

7. **2.** The Admiralty Commissioners to consider whether the navy victualling can best be managed by contract or by commissioners.

8. Desborow, Montague, and Sydenham, to consider the state of the Treasuries, and what allowance may be thence constantly supplied to the Navy, and to report.

13. The petition of Capt. Ben. Gifford, governor of Landguard Fort, referred to Commissary-Gen. Whalley and the rest of the Committee of Officers on the reducement, to report.

14. The petition of the promoters, contrivers, and inventors of the trade of framework knitting and making silk stockings, referred to the Lord Mayor and aldermen of London, to report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 214-6.]

Aug. 2. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1, 2. Mr. Moreland's letter from Geneva to Mr. Secretary read, and he to reply according to the sense of to-day's debate.

3. Approval by the Protector of 11 orders, 24 to 27 July.

5. The report on Major Hawes to be considered this day week.

6. Desborow to command the 12 militia troops in cos. Gloucester, Devon, Dorset, Cornwall, Somerset, and Wilts, and go down to execute the instructions. Approved 2 Aug.

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7. To advise payment of 2,000*l.* on account of Council's contingencies to G. Frost. Approved 2 Aug.

8. Each officer of the county militia to have 6*s.* 8*d.* a day allowed during this their attendance here. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 216–7.]

Aug. 3. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Kinnersley, wardrobe keeper, and Embree, surveyor, to see, in their respective capacities, that Derby House be fitted for the Lord Deputy of Ireland.

2. **3.** The Admiralty Commissioners to issue their warrant to the Ordnance Officers at the Tower to deliver to Col. Baxter (Berkstead) lieutenant of the Tower, 12 barrels of powder, with matches, &c., to be issued by him on warrants of Lord Lambert.

3. To advise that Pickering and Strickland be sent this afternoon to M. de Bordeaux, French Ambassador Extraordinary, to receive what he has to offer, as he has requested it. Approved, 3 Aug.

5. The Admiralty Commissioners to order the Sparrow to be got ready quickly, to convoy the money ordered for Scotland.

6. Lambert, Desborow, and Pickering to attend his Highness to perfect what was debated to-day concerning militia forces.

7, 8. Out of the money weekly paid from custom and excise duty, 2,000*l.* to be paid towards the charges of Government, and 9,000*l.* for the Navy. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 217–8.]

Aug. 7. **4.** Petition of Thomas Blackmore, Mayor, the Aldermen, and Common Council of Great Torrington, Devon, to the Protector, for discharge from payment of 51*l.*, arrears for the years 1648, 1649, and 1650, of the rent formerly paid by their town to the King, which the sheriff is charged to levy. Have lost much by the blowing up of the church and houses there, beside the extraordinary charge they were forced to by the King's army, so that their tenants cannot pay their rents, and are 200*l.* in arrear. Promise to pay it cheerfully in future. 23 signatures. With reference thereon to Council, 13 June 1655. [1 *sheet.*]

Aug. 7. Note of the reading of the petition in Council, but no order. [*I.* 76, *p.* 222.]

Aug. 7. **5.** Petition of Edw. May, minister at Crayford, Kent, to the Protector. David Clarkson, by order of the Committee for Plundered Ministers, held the rectory for some time, as sequestered for delinquency of Dr. Vane. I was presented by the undoubted patron, and sued Clarkson, who detained it without colour of title. Clarkson complained to the Indemnity Committee, who declared he had no title, and referred me to law to recover my right. I was never sequestered nor adjudged delinquent, nor am I concerned in the late proclamation concerning ministers. I beg to be dismissed. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

5. I. *Note that May was presented by the Earl of Westmoreland,* 28 *Oct.* 1643, *but that the Earl was sequestered*

Sept. 1643, *compounded, and was discharged of sequestration, Sept.* 14, 1644.

That from Jan. 1643-4 *to May* 1645, *ministers were placed by Parliament, and that Cols. Blunt and Twistleton can testify thereon.* [⅓ *page.*]

5. II. *Case of Edw. May. I was instituted in Oct.* 1643 *on resignation of Dr. Vane, and though my right was several times questioned on the ground of his delinquency, it was made good. In Oct.* 1650, *Clarkson obtained the rectory from the Committee for Plundered Ministers, and at length the case was referred to law, and a verdict was given for me. He claimed allowance for taxes and for dressing hop grounds, &c., and I granted him* 26*l.*, *on which he released all interest in the rectory.*

I was never sequestered, nor do I come within the late proclamation. In October 1652, *my wife, being in extreme want through Clarkson's cruelty, petitioned the Committee for Plundered Ministers for her* ⅕, *but was dismissed, Clarkson declaring that I was not sequestered nor ejected.*

The Earl of Westmoreland has full right to present to all rectories in his gift, and could so have done, even if Crayford had been void by Vane's death. [1 *sheet.*]

Aug. 7. The petitions of Clarkson and of May, who has appeared on summons, referred by Council to Mulgrave, Skippon, Rous, and Lisle, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 222.]

[Aug. 7.] **6.** Petition of the parishioners of Crayford, Kent, to the Protector, that Edw. May, their minister, who is laborious in word and doctrine, may remain with them. Much regret his malicious prosecution, as he preaches twice every Sabbath, is pious, sober, and quiet, and teaches obedience to governors; he is appointed according to law, and cannot be within the intent of the late proclamation concerning ministers. [1 *sheet.* 43 *signatures,* 13 *being by mark.*]

Aug. 7. Note of the reading and passing in Council, and presenting to the Protector, of articles of agreement between Gen. Monk and the following persons, viz.:—

Sir Hugh Campbell of Cesnock, and John Shalmers of Gaitgirth, for John Earl of Loudoun, James Lord Maitland his son, and others, 12 March 1655.

(1.) The Earl and his servants to come in 6 weeks to Ayr, and give up their arms to Col. Cooper, Governor, or in his absence to Lieut.-Col. Sawrey.

(2.) The Earl to give security in 5,000*l.* for his peaceable deportment, those who have estates and the officers to give security, and the soldiers their engagements; also Lord Maitland to give security in 1,000*l.*

(3.) Loudoun to depart with sword, pistols, and horses, and the soldiers with horses, and sell them within 3 weeks, and to have passes home or beyond seas.

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(4.) Loudoun, his son, and servants, discharged from all sequestrations, forfeitures, &c., for anything done during the wars, all which are already discharged and put in oblivion, and to enjoy their estates in England and Scotland, submitting to the common burdens.

(5.) The Earl and Lord to enjoy all to which they have a right by Act of Parliament, and particularly the rights of annuities of Teynes, or anything belonging to them by the laws of Scotland, as they would have done before any war between the 2 nations.

(6.) The Earl to be protected from all arrests for debts, for 21 days after the 6 weeks allowed for his coming in and laying down arms.

(7.) The Earl and his son to have the same favour as others who have capitulated.

(8.) 60*l.* expended in survey of their estates to be reimbursed to the Trustees for Forfeited Estates in Scotland, before they enter into possession.

(9.) These articles to be ratified by the Protector and Council, and delivered to the Earl within 3 months. [*I.* 76*A*, *pp.* 126–7.]

Aug. 7. William, Earl of Lothian, Maj.-Gen. Jas. Holburne, and Lieut.-Col. Duncan Campbell, on behalf of Archibald, Marquis of Lorne. May 17, 1655.

(1.) Lorne and his party are to repair to the Old Church, Cardross, within 3 weeks, and there all Lowland Scots, English, Irish, and all others, except Highlanders, are to deliver their arms to Col. Cooper or Lieut.-Col. Symonds, giving him 24 hours' notice. All heads of clans with their tenants, who keep their arms for their own defence, are to give security, by bond or otherwise, not to disturb the peace.

(2.) Lorne to give good Lowland security in 5,000*l.* for his peaceable deportment, and his officers and vassals with estates to give security, viz., Highland men Highland security, and Lowland men Lowland security; the private soldiers to give engagements under their hands. The penalty of the officers' bonds to be 1,000*l.* for a colonel, 400*l.* a lieut.-colonel, 200*l.* a major, 100*l.* a captain, 60*l.* a lieutenant, and 50*l.* a cornet or ensign.

(3.) Lorne to have liberty to march with horses and arms, the officers with horses and swords, and the soldiers with horses (except those excepted above) to their homes, and to sell their horses in 3 weeks. All to have passes home or beyond sea who desire it.

(4.) Lorne and his party to enjoy their estates without molestation, any act in the late wars notwithstanding, and to be freed from all sequestration, fine, or forfeiture, provided they have not killed any in cold blood, after quarter given, nor murdered any of the country people who were not in arms. Such as have lands in Ireland already disposed of by Parliament, his Highness, or Council, or the Lord

Deputy and Council in Ireland, are not to claim them, but they are to have those not disposed of, provided they submit to public burdens.

(5.) Those gentlemen and commoners of Argyleshire who have not been in arms, but were forced by Lorne and his party to give assistance, are to be acquitted, living peaceably in future, except as to the robbery in Argyleshire of Col. Brayne and others with him, whose losses that part of Argyleshire is to make good, as adjudged at a court-martial at Dumbarton. Also the country is to satisfy the losses of the soldiers in Maj.-Gen. Deane's time, which the Marquis of Argyle engaged should be repaired.

(6.) All persons embezzling their arms and not bringing them in, and all doing any violence to the country after 14 days following the signing of the articles, to lose the benefit of this capitulation, except only that they may take free quarter till the time limited for laying down their arms.

(7.) Col. Wm. Brayne, Capt. Fras. Nicholls, and others of the English army taken prisoners before or with him, to be set at liberty. Sir Art. Forbes to be discharged from his imprisonment, and to give security in 3,000*l.* for his peaceable demeanour, and an engagement under his hand not to act against his Highness or the Commonwealth.

(8.) He is also to have liberty to go beyond seas with 1,000 foot, and serve any foreign prince or state in amity approved by the Protector, and is licensed to recruit every 3 years.

(9.) These articles to be ratified by the Protector and Council, and delivered to Lord Lorne within 3 months. [*I.* 76*A*, *pp.* 127–9.]

Both approved by the Protector, 9 Aug. [*I.* 76. *pp.* 223, 230.]

Aug. 7. **7.** Petition of John, Lord Balmerinoch, for himself and many others much distressed and engaged for public debts, to the Protector. In 1638 to 1640, my father and many other noblemen and gentlemen, from affection to the honest cause, entered into bonds for the public, to which they were in reality but witnesses, and till 1652, the creditors got their interest and part payment from public moneys in Scotland. But they have lately got sentence against us, to the value of our whole estates, which they extend and appraise, force divers of us to abandon our country and families, for preservation of our persons, and take away our rents and livelihood, to our utter ruin. We beg you to appoint the remedy by some equal way upon the nation, and to stay all processes of our creditors on public debts, or on receipts for borrowed money, which some of us were obliged to give to a third person, who got the assignations of the principal creditors. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Aug. 7. Order thereon in Council, referring the case to the Council for Scotland, but ordering stay of all extents, appraisements, and other proceedings meanwhile. Approved 9 Aug. [*I.* 76. *pp.* 223–4, 230.]

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3. Order that Ant. Browne have license to come to London and stay 4 months, for dispatch of private affairs, the late proclamation notwithstanding. *Annexing,*

8. i. *Certificate by Wm. Lenthall, Master of the Rolls, that several suits in Chancery are depending between John Browne, Anthony, his son and heir, and Anna Yeand, widow of London, and Mary her daughter, wife of Anthony, which are referred to him, and cannot well be settled except in London, and request that Anthony may come up, as the settlement will compose unnatural suits, and tend to the provision of* 8 *or* 10 *young children.* 16 *July* 1655. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

4. Order on report from the Committee of Officers for reducements, on a reference of Lieut.-Col. Rogers' accounts,—certifying that he raised 3 companies of foot, of 31 officers and 212 soldiers, for defence of Hereford and Ludlow garrisons, &c., which were disbanded on the orders of 24 March; that those listed on the 7 March had a month's pay, and others less in proportion, the charge being 308*l.* 16*d.* 0*d.*; also that he raised another company and troop of horse, which were never called on duty—that he should be paid the 308*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.*, and that 2*s.* 6*d.* should be allowed to each trooper, and 1*s.* 6*d.* to each foot soldier of those not called out, making in all 329*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* *Annexing,*

9. i. *Report alluded to, signed by Whalley, Berkstead, and Worsley.* 19 *July* 1655. [1½ *pages.*]

5. Order agreeing with the report from Commissary-Gen. Whalley and others of the Committee of Officers on the papers of Capt. John Nicholas—that during the late rebellion he raised 183 horse and dragoons, and 591 foot, beside officers, which were continued from 14 to 22 March, and then discharged; the expense whereof was 178*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*, and advising speedy payment thereof, and something for the encouragement of the foot officers, who discharged their own quarters and received no pay.

6. Lambert, Desborow, and Sydenham, to speak with the Committee of Officers concerning the grounds on which the time of keeping up the forces enlisted by Lieut.-Col. Rogers and Capt. Nicholas is ascertained, and to consider how the charges may be paid.

7. The report on Capt. John Blackwell's petition to be considered to-morrow.

8. The Army Committee to issue warrants to the Treasurers-at-war, to put on board a ship appointed by the Admiralty Commissioners, and send to Leith the 30,000*l.* for pay of the forces to be reduced in Scotland, there to be issued by the said Treasurers, on warrants from Gen. Monk, Commander-in-Chief there.

9. Ald. Jasper Clutterbuck, of Gloucester, to pay to Capt. Thos. Price, of Gloucester, 132*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* balance of the sum raised in the city and county, when the Scottish army was defeated at Worcester—

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250*l.* having been paid into the Exchequer—to be issued by Price on directions of Pury, the mayor, and of Aldermen Clutterbuck and Edwards, toward the charges occasioned the city by the late insurrection.

10. To advise that an additional commission be granted the Admiralty Judges to try pirates, and issued at once.

11. **10.** The persons taken in the Brest man-of-war lately brought in, now on board the Fairfax, to be committed to the Marshalsea, except the Dutch, who are to be sent to their ambassador to do with as he pleases.

12. The draft of a warrant from the Scotch Committee, for preparing a patent under the Admiralty Seal to establish an Admiralty Court in Scotland, subordinate to that in England, read, and agreed to.

14. Frost to give in an account of all moneys received for Council's contingencies, from his last discharge till August 1, 1655, and the Clerks of Council to examine it and report. Frost to send in an account every month.

16. Order agreeing to the report of the Admiralty Commissioners on the petition of the Lieutenant and officers of the Tower—alleging that the warrant of the Commissioners for co. Middlesex, assessing the petitioners, is contrary to their charters and privileges,—and refusing to countermand the warrant, there not being sufficient reason for their exemption. *Annexing,*

> **11.** I. *Report of the said Commissioners alluded to, that assessments have been formerly laid on the Tower and taken off on application, but without sufficient reason.* 7 *Aug.* 1655. [1 *page.*]

17. **12.** The report from the Admiralty Committee, that the victualling of the navy will best be managed by Commissioners, and that it is time to have it attended to, agreed with, and referred back to the same Committee, to consider if Capt. Alderne, Major Bourne, and Mr. Willoughby, are fit for Commissioners; also to draw up the necessary articles and instructions, consider salaries, and report.

18. Order—on report from the Committee of Officers that a great quantity of arms and ammunition, whereof a list is given, remains at Newcastle—that they be removed to the Tower, and that Wm. Johnson, mayor, Capt. Thos. Lilburne, Capt. Ogle, Ald. Dawson, Ald. Bonner, and Wm. Taylor, see them safely transported and delivered to the Ordnance Officers; a duplicate of the particulars to be sent in to Council, and Wm. Taylor to take care thereof.

21. A report from the Committee on the Lyme Regis petition, concerning allowance for repair and enlargement of the Cob (?) there, read.

22. The supply of money for naval affairs to be considered tomorrow, and the Treasury Commissioners who are members of Council to be present.

24. The Committee appointed 31 July last to receive applications about the disposal of arms, &c., in reduced garrisons, to enquire into

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the public stores remaining in garrisons and not in use, so as to preserve them from embezzlement, and to advise their disposal for public use. [*I.* 76. *pp.* 219–224.]

Aug. 7. Gray's Inn. **13.** T. Lamplugh to Williamson. Do not quarrel with my former inscription; it may advance you to a pulpit. Bartholomew fair is near. Hang out a flag, gather pence, perform feats of sleight of hand. I will procure a booth, and blaze your fame abroad. Your friend, Tom Stalker, will be there to try once more the operation of your magical powder. Ask Mr. Cartwright to send me the book. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 8. **14.** Jer. Bankes to Williamson. I am glad you have found out such a rare medicine as small beer. Private affairs. [1½ *pages.*]

Aug. 8. Prize Office, London. **15.** Commissioners for Prize Goods to the Protector and Council. We sold several goods at Yarmouth, Portsmouth, Plymouth, &c., including a large quantity of tobacco, for part of which Abr. Clerk, merchant of London, accepted 2 bills of exchange for 3,540*l.*; but he failing in payment, we sued him at common law, before Lord Chief Justice Rolle, and were nonsuited, on plea that the bills were payable to us as Commissioners for Prize Goods, and the Court would not recognize us under that name, though we produced the resolutions of Parliament of 8 March 1652–3, constituting us Commissioners, and the orders of his Highness and Council recognizing us as such. We find that the Admiralty Court will put an end to suits upon such bills, without the aid of the common law, and therefore desire that in future, all bills relating to prize goods may be tried in the Admiralty Court, where we are acknowledged, and we shall be able to recover the above and other great sums due to the State, if the Admiralty Judges may be empowered to hold pleas concerning bills of exchange for debts due to the State. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 9. **16.** Petition of the 29 merchants of the Intercourse residing in London to the Protector. On 9 April 1655, we complained of our many grievances and burdens, and you referred us to your Council, on whom we have often waited for an answer, but their weighty business prevents.

By orders of 28 Feb. and 31 Aug. 1654, you granted that we should not be charged with the quartering of soldiers, and yet the Army Committee have ordered the Lieutenant of the Tower to quarter soldiers on us forthwith.

We pray that our former petition may be reviewed, and our complaints soon redressed, and that the said order for quartering soldiers may be revoked. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 9. Order thereon in Council that the quartering of soldiers upon them be recalled till their case is settled. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 227–8.]

Aug. 9. **17.** Petition of Anne, Countess of Lauderdale, to the Protector, for part of her husband's late estate in Scotland, not yet disposed of, that she may have whereon to live. Her condition is exceeding sad,

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losing all means of subsistence, and the comforts of this life, by her husband being sent away to Portland castle. With reference, signed by the Protector, to Council. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 9. Order thereon in Council that, besides the lands value 300*l.* a year, settled on her by the Act of Grace from her husband's estates, she have 200*l.* a year out of the residue undisposed of, if so much arise therefrom, and the Commissioners at Leith are to see it paid. [*I.* 76, *p.* 225. *See Aug.* 24 *infra.*]

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1. This clause to be added to the order of last Tuesday, referring Lord Balmarinoch's petition to the remedy of the Scotch Council; "and in the meantime, till the Scotch Council shall give order therein, all proceedings on the sentences, &c., at the suit of creditors shall be forborne." Approved 9 Aug.

3, 4. To advise payment to John Blackwell, jun., and Rich. Deane, present War Treasurers, of 4,000*l.* on account, to pay the forces in England and Wales to be reduced according to the establishment, and the Army Committee to order the War Treasurers to pay therefrom all arrears to officers and soldiers to be reduced. Approved 9 Aug.

5. The Scotch Committee to consider fit mottoes for the Scotch Seals, and report.

6–8. The clerk of the Scotch Council to receive 300*l.* a year, and the assistant clerk 200*l.*, to be paid out of the revenue of Scotland, but neither to receive any fees beside their salary.

10. Col. Kelsey to command the Militia in cos. Kent and Surrey.

Col. Goffe in cos. Sussex, Bedford, and Southampton.

Maj. Butler in cos. Rutland, Huntingdon, Northampton, and Berkshire.

Com.-Gen. Whalley in cos. Lincoln, Nottingham, Stafford, Leicester, and Warwick.

Col. Bury in North and South Wales, Hereford, and Salop.

Lord Lambert in cos. York, Lancaster, Durham, Westmoreland, Cumberland, and Northumberland.

Gen. Desborow in cos. Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Wilts, and Gloucester.

The Lord Deputy of Ireland in cos. Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Hertford, Cambridge, Isle of Ely, Oxford, and Bucks.

Col. Worsley in cos. Derby, Chester, and Worcester.

Maj.-Gen. Skippon in Middlesex and London.

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11. Sir T. Vyner and Ald. Riccard to pay into the Exchequer 50,000*l.* of the 85,000*l.* received from the Dutch Ambassador.

12. **18.** The report from Dr. Godolphin, an Admiralty Judge, about the ship Report, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners. *Annexing,*

18. I. *Report alluded to. The affidavits are contradictory, those from the Report alleging that the accident which*

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befel her was through the carelessness of Capt. Edm. Curtis, of the Ruby, and those from the Ruby attributing it to misapprehension and the unwieldiness of the Report. In such case of casualty, the loss ought to be equally divided. [3 *pages.*]

13, 14. The Governor of Berwick to discharge Losileur, captain of a foot company there, and put Capt. Jos. Simpson in his place. The way in which it is to be done referred to Lord Lambert.

15. The Muster-master general being allowed 14 deputies, viz., 1 at 8*s.* and 13 at 5*s.* a day, a 15th is added at 5*s.* a day.

16. The late deputy governor and surgeon for Portsmouth garrison to be continued and put in the army establishment, and to have 4*s.* a day each allowed them.

19. The Committee who brought in the establishment to speak with the Army Committee about taking off the charge of the agents in the country for the monthly assessment, on the paper now offered, and to report.

20. Several matters represented by Gen. Monk in his letters of July 20 and August 2, about the army establishment, referred to the Committee who brought it in, to report.

21. The report on Maj. Hawes' case postponed to this day week.

22. Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners that 25,000 pieces of 8 are to be sent in specie to Gen. Blake for the fleet, that the Customs' Commissioners permit them to pass free of duty.

23. Order on report on the petition of Sam. Blakesly [*see* 31 *July* 1655] that 12*l.* be allowed him out of the army's contingencies, towards his sufferings and expenses, by his readiness to serve the State. *Annexing,*

19. I. *Report by Whalley and Goffe, alluded to.* [½ *page.*]

24. The report on Capt. Blackwell's petition postponed till tomorrow.

26. Order that—as on 21 June 1654 Wm. Lockhart, jun., and other trustees for settling the estates of excepted persons in Scotland were to settle lands value 120*l.* a year on Joachim Hane, reserving a yearly rent of 5*l.*; and as on 21 July 1654, an Ordinance was passed allowing the trustees to grant money instead of lands to those who wished it, and as Hane petitioned to resign the lands after he had held them a year in lieu of money—the proposal cannot be accepted, as the lands were assigned, but they must be reconveyed to him, only he is to be recompensed for the profits received during the resignation.

28. Approval by the Protector of 4 orders, 20 July to 9 Aug. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 225–290.]

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Aug. 10. **20.** Petition of James, Earl of Calendar, to the Protector. I have been 6 months prisoner in Burnt Island Castle and Edinburgh, and now 10 months prisoner on bond, without maintenance, or the use of my household stuff or evidences, so that my condition is too hard to express. I was never prisoner-of-war, and I never violated the passes given me by Gen. Monk in 1651, or by Col. Lilburne. I never corresponded with those lately in arms, nor acceded to their courses, and can find security for peaceable living. My estate was never sequestered, nor was there ground therefor, and so I differ from prisoners-of-war, and fined and forfeited persons. I beg restoration to liberty and to my estate, to prevent the irreparable inconvenience of growing debt. With reference thereon to Council, 26 July 1655. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

20. i. *Information of the Earl addressed to Lord Lambert. Came to Scotland Feb.* 1651*; had Monk's pass Nov.* 1651*; was not sequestered till* 1654. *Wishes that his lady may enjoy the jointure, and ⅓ left her by her first husband, [Alexander, Earl of Dumfernline] that no legal proceedings may be had against him till heard in Council, and that he may attend without forfeiting his bond to Monk to return to Scotland by the* 26*th.* [1 *page.*]

20. ii. *Note that he came to Scotland Feb.* 1651, *and had the pass in Nov.* 1651. *Addressed to Jessop.* [*Scrap.*]

Aug. 10. Reference thereon in Council to Lord Lambert and the Lord Chamberlain, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 230.]

Aug. 10. **21.** Petition of John Norbury, for the freeholders and well-affected, to the Protector. By the laws of England, every freeholder holds his land of a superior, to whom he owes homage and pays rent, and who defends and protects him. The late King forfeited his headship by warring against his people, and there is no legal engagement from them to you or you to them, so that either party may desert the other. Therefore we wish to establish you in the power held by the late King, the rather that there are many dangerous plots, not only by Charles Stuart and his party, but by others who consider the legislative power lost, because it was granted by the late instrument to you and your Council till the meeting of Parliament; but Parliament having met, they say your power is ended, and wish for an ecclesiastical fifth monarchy. But history proves ecclesiastical power to be tyranny, and now a suit for tithes refused will cost 30 or 40 times their value.

Also many persons are illegally imprisoned for debt by a *capias* without previous summons, and left to perish for want of bail, whilst gentlemen live plentifully in prison. Also many are sent for to Westminster on false summons, for 5*s.* or 10*s.*, and pay money rather than bear the charge of the journey and suit.

Your power is at present too short to help the oppressed, and yet you are under an oath, as our chief magistrate, to defend us. You ought to have the legal homage which is obstructed by the late instrument for government, declaring you Protector for life only.

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We beg that you will appoint persons who shall—

1. Suppress arbitrary power or ecclesiastical censures.
2, 3. Prevent the imprisonment of any till summoned, according to the ancient course of law, by any bill of Middlesex, *latitat, capias, quo minus, &c.*
4. Take care that the true cause of action, or the debt be expressed in the summons, and that it be returnable in the Upper Bench or Exchequer, as well as in the Common Pleas.
5. See that gentlemen be proceeded against in the same manner as tradesmen, and liberate those who deliver up all their estates to their creditors, and give bond to pay the remainder when able.
6. When prisoners will not discover their estates, see that they be sent to workhouses to work for payment of their debts.

To empower you to do all this, we take you as our chief magistrate in place of the late King; and till a Parliament be called, we authorize you to execute the power, and promise by writing to pay you rents, and do homage to you and your heirs and successors, so that we be not liable to wardship. We desire that Commissioners be sent into all counties to take our recognitions, and certify them into the Exchequer, and that then you will defend us from delinquents and others. Also that qualified freeholders only be capable of choosing or serving as burgesses in Parliament, and as jurors at sessions or assizes. We also beg that you will call a Parliament to establish reformations, ease taxes, and find other ways of raising money for the army, &c. [1 *broadsheet, printed.*]

Aug. 10. Order thereon that John Norbury be summoned to attend Council on Tuesday, that meantime he be spoken with to stop proceedings on his petition, and that the said printed paper be suppressed. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 231–2.]

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2. Thos. Simons, medal maker to his Highness, to prepare a medal and chain for Maj. Redman, according to an order of Aug. 1.

3. The petition of the Earl of Hartfell referred to Lambert and the Lord Chamberlain.

5. The instructions for Major-Generals of the Militia in their respective counties read, amended, one instruction added, and agreed to.

8. The 30,000*l.* ordered to be shipped to Scotland to be stayed, and the money consigned by a bill of Exchange.

9. **22.** The Excise Commissioners to recommend a person fit to send to Scotland to settle the excise there.

10. **23.** Order—on report from the Committee on Gen. Monk's letters—that the following alterations be made in the establishment in Scotland:—

Maj.-Gen. Morgan to have 10*s.* a day.

The Commander-in-chief to have a clerk at 5*s.* a day.

Of the train of 100 horse for England and Scotland, there shall be only 3 teams in England consisting of 18 horse.

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Of the marshal-general's men allowed, there shall be 6 for Scotland, and the rest of the marshal's men's business supplied by the messengers of Council there.

800*l.* a month to be allowed for repair of garrisons and other contingencies in Scotland.

The garrison of Cromarty to be reduced, and that of Sinclair, in Caithness continued, with like pay for a governor, and allowance for fire and candles as was allowed to Cromarty.

The pay for the Governor of the Orkney Islands to be reduced to 3*s.* a day.

The pay for governor, fire, and candles, for Dundee garrison to be reduced, and the place disgarrisoned.

The Committee who brought in the establishment to consider how, by further entrenchment or other ways, the army may be supplied with money.

Trapham to be continued as his Highness's surgeon, and have 8*s.* a day allowed him and his mates, to be added to the establishment.

14. Order,—as 308*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* appears by the certificate of the committee of officers for reducements, to have been disbursed by Col. Wroth Rogers,—that the moneys in the hands of John Birch and 5 others of co. Hereford, raised when the Scotch army was defeated at Worcester, be paid to Rogers, towards satisfaction of his debt.

15. Order, on a certificate from the Trustees for sale of Forest Lands,—desiring that all moneys to be paid to their workmen for fitting offices, &c., may be paid to Geo. Hooper, their messenger, to be by them distributed;—that his name be inserted in the order of May 24 last for that purpose. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 230–2.]

Aug. 10. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Lieut.-Col. John Mayor, Governor of Berwick. Understanding that Capt. Jo. Simpson's company being removed from Berwick garrison to Tynemouth, and Capt. Losileur's company left in its place, Capt. Simpson's company is disbanded instead of Losileur's by mistake, it is thought fit to let you know it, and order you, on Simpson's return to Berwick, to disband Losileur's company, sending to Tynemouth as many as will complete that establishment to 50 centinels. [*I.* 76, *p.* 232.]

Aug. 10. **24.** Capt. Thos. Alderne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have considered how the victualling may be carried on by commission, and propose, in case it be resolved to make a particular office thereof, that the affair be ordered in the several ports by the following persons :—

In the Port of London, by a commissioner, and his clerk, a purveyor, a clerk of the check and his clerk, an accountant-general, a cashier, a storekeeper and his assistant, and a messenger, who also may be a hoy-taker. The care of this office to be the general providing of all manner of victuals for the navy, the issuing thereof, and accounting with all stewards and others in reference to the expense; the

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The commissioner, as principal, to have the care of making all contracts, of correspondence, issues, accounts, cash, &c.; the passing of all expenses at sea, with the nomination of all officers, both on land and sea, that concern this employment, except the accountant-general and the cashier. The purveyor to assist in making all contracts in the several ports for provisions, to assist the commissioner, and to be so concerned therein as, in case of mortality or otherwise, to carry on the further management.

The check, with the clerk of the issues, to direct all issues to ships in the Port of London, and to receive all stewards' accounts, examining them so far as to prepare them for the commissioner's passing; to collect all receipts referring to issues in ports, and to procure an account thereof for the Navy Commissioners, in order to their examination and passing.

The accountant-general, by direction of the commissioner when present, and in his absence of the purveyor, to keep fairly entered all things that concern the whole action of victualling, both in the Port of London and all other ports, so as to charge each person and provision, and to discharge them as shall be requisite, so that a true balance of the whole may be constantly taken.

The cashier to receive and pay all money upon orders and warrants in writing; and what he receives to be paid by order of the Navy Commissioners, by way of imprest, and charged upon the commissioner until an account be passed, and the same adjusted with the Navy Commissioners, who are thereupon to pass an entire bill for the discharge of such imprests.

The clerk to attend to business and correspondence.

The storekeeper and his assistant to receive and preserve all provisions, and issue them by directions of the commissioner, who must, every 6 months, pass an account of issues, and every 12 months an entire account of the preceding year's action. The purveyor, in case of the Commissioner's mortality, to be obliged to do the like, and his vouchers to be warrants for providing and issuing provisions, with such receipts as shall be taken for provisions delivered out by him.

The cashier to be appointed by the State, and security given for his true performance to the Protector, and the accountant-general the like; both to be obliged to follow the directions of the commissioner or purveyor. The commissioner aforesaid to carry on the employment by deputation or contract in some ports.

The affairs in Portsmouth to be carried on by two agents; one for making contracts for provisions and receiving money, another to be clerk of the stores, and to issue out the same. At Plymouth the like, if the action be equal to that at Portsmouth. At Dover one agent will be sufficient. Harwich, Leith, Kinsale, and Milford to be managed by particular contracts, unless the employment will discharge the salary of an agent in each. The petty warrant at London, Chatham, and Portsmouth to be managed by particular contracts.

If you judge it better to make a conjunction of this employment with the rest of the navy's action, some of these officers may be spared, provided the general action of the navy be so modelled as that there might be a conjunction of accounts, and a due regulation therein. However, for the present, if the whole cannot be so readily methodized, yet having laid a foundation in the particulars proposed, the rest may hereafter be brought into the same channel. [3 *pages.*]

Aug. $\frac{10}{20}$. Cologne. [Sec. Nicholas] to Jos. Jane. I could not write, being very sick some days, but by God's mercy, and Dr. Fraser's excellent skill and care, I am much better than I was before I fell ill, and expect to be better this 7 years for this fit of sickness, though I am lean and yellowish.

I have seen the French relation, printed at Brussels, of the repulse of Cromwell's fleet from Hispaniola; I believe the loss of the English there to have been very great, and am persuaded the fleet is on its way homewards; when it arrives, we shall see notable doings. I should be glad to hear that Blake had failed of intercepting the plate fleet, which I wish may come safe to Cadiz, and then the more insolent Blake's deportment towards the Spaniards shall be the better.

I am not credulous that Cromwell will yet close with France so soon as some imagine, whereby to despair the Spaniard, whom he finds already too low to cope with the French, but the villain may yet give my Don hopes of a reconciliation, to amuse him to his further ruin.

We hear that the Swedish King prevails against Poland, and designs to make himself master of the Baltic Sea, unless the States prevent, and that Cromwell countenances him underhand, to divert those forces from looking towards England.

I am glad the States have granted the Queen [of Bohemia] 1,000 guilders a month for subsistence. Tell me particulars of the concession, and by whom it was wrought. When does the old dowager come to the Hague?

Excuse me to Mr. Somerdike for not writing. What has become of Beverning? Is there a resident ambassador to come from England to the States? I am sorry that I cannot get a house or any convenient lodging here for my wife. [2½ *pages. Holland correspondence.*]

Aug. 14. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of Joanna Saville, referred by his Highness to Council, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to receive her discoveries, and make such allowance to her as his Highness appointed by his answer to the petition.

2. John Norbury, attending Council according to the summons of last Friday, was called in, and being shown a paper read on Friday and again to-day, called, "The humble petition of freeholders and other well affected," &c., was asked if he penned and dispersed it. He confessed that he penned it as a lawyer for his clients, for whom

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he was of counsel in several particulars mentioned in the petition, and that by their directions he had it printed, and delivered some to a solicitor to give his clients; but as he learned that it was ill resented, he detained the rest. His Highness sharply reproved him for divers passages in the petition against Government, and commanded him to proceed no further, and to call in all the papers he could, and deliver those he has undistributed to Council, to have the press broken, and to discourage those employed to distribute copies.

4. The Army Committee to issue their warrant for sending the 30,000*l.* to Scotland, the order of 10 Aug. notwithstanding.

5. The Treasury Commissioners to order the auditing the accounts of Mr. Embree, and to report thereon, which being done, 1,000*l.* is to be added for repairs at Whitehall and Hampton Court, after which no further repairs shall be at the public charge, but paid out of the moneys for his Highness's family and expenses.

6. **25.** Order on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on the order of 7 Aug., to consider of Capt. Thos. Alderne's fitness to be Navy Victualler, &c.,—certifying that as the directive power for victualling the fleet is lodged in them, and the work of the victualler will be chiefly executive, they think it will be best transacted by one person, with fitting subordinates, to be approved by themselves, and they think Alderne a fit person therefor, to be commissioned under the Great Seal, and pursue instructions annexed to their report; and as the action will require his whole time and much circumspection, and as he has to give in accounts of the whole, they think his salary should be 500*l.* a year—that the report and instructions be agreed to, and a commission under the Great Seal issued accordingly. *Annexing,*

I. *Instructions to be inserted in the Patent to the Navy Victualler,—*

(1.) *To receive from the late victuallers by inventory all victuals, clapboards, staves, iron hoops, biscuit-bags, &c., which are serviceable.*

(2.) *To provide wholesome victuals, both for sea and in harbour, lodging them in the State's stores till issued, and obey the directions of the Protector and Council, or the Admiralty Commissioners.*

(3.) *To receive money on warrants from the Navy Commissioners to the Navy Treasurer, and issue it only for provisions and needful salaries and charges.*

(4.) *To issue provisions on warrants from the Protector and Council, the Admiralty Commissioners, Navy Commissioners, Army Committee, and Generals at sea, taking receipts and indents therefor.*

(5.) *To keep perfect accounts of all contracts, issues, and expenses, and produce them ½ yearly to the Navy Commissioners, who are to examine them upon vouchers, and charge them on the Navy Treasurer in one entire*

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bill, for discharge of imprests or debts arising in the preceding management.

(6.) *To account for all provisions at sea and in harbour with the persons employed, receive remains, and draw perfect accounts of each ship's expenditure; to do which, he is to have access to the sea books, and to examine any persons concerned.*

(7.) *To employ needful officers at fit salaries, with consent of the Admiralty Commissioners.*

(8.) *To keep a general oversight of all employed, that the service may content the seamen, and to do what is directed by the Protector and Council and Admiralty Commissioners for the advantage of the service.*

(9.) *To take all the State's brewhouses, bakehouses, mills, storehouses, &c., at Tower Hill, Dover, Rochester, Portsmouth, and Kinsale, which have been used for* 20 *years for Navy victualling, use them for storehouses and agents' lodgings, rent out on the State's account any not employed, and not to build, repair, or alienate any without consent of the Admiralty Commissioners.*

(10.) *To take up any ships, hoys, or lighters, carts, or carriages, mariners, bakers, coopers, or labourers needful for the service, paying them the wages given by merchants. He is to settle this affair and employment with the respective officers at the State's house, Tower Hill; and all books of accounts and papers concerning it are to be kept there.* [*I.* 76*A*, *pp.* 91–4.]

7. The Treasury Commissioners to direct the auditing of the accounts of the Prize Commissioners, and see it done. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 233–4.]

Aug. 15. **26.** Petition of Chris. Riddell, *alias* Roshe, jeweller, to the Protector. Being a German, and brought up a Protestant, the troubles in my own country preventing the exercise of my religion or trade, I came here 13 years ago, and have lived peaceably, and married Elizabeth, daughter of Mich. Pudsey, of Ellisfield, co. Oxon, and have 3 children, who might, on their mother's death, inherit part of their grandfather's estate, if I were naturalized. I begged this before, but Council referred me to Parliament, which was dissolved before my petition was answered. I beg a free denizenship. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

26. I. *Like petition, urging that long before the dissolution of the late Parliament, his Highness and Council took into protection aliens who had fled to London for liberty of conscience.* [1 *page.*]

26. II. *Certificate of Edw. Sparke, minister, Rich. Tingle, and Edw. Mutton, churchwardens, Wm. Cranfield, clerk, and* 3 *inhabitants of James' parish, Clerkenwell, in favour of Riddell, born at Zwyckaw, near Leipsic, Saxony, who has* *lived in the parish* 8 *years.* 12 *Jan.* 1654–5. 7 *signatures.* [1 *page.*]

Aug. 15. Note of the reading of the petition in Council, 10 June, and order, 15 Aug., for a patent for his free denization. [*I.* 76. *pp.* 132, 235.]

Aug. 15. **27.** Petition of Capt. Rich. Pechell to the Protector. The late Major Bethel made me his executor, and directed me to dispose of his arrears to pay debts contracted for horses to serve the late Parliament, and for legacies, all yet unpaid, because I have received nothing. I served under the Major several years in your own regiment, received 17 wounds, and lost part of my right hand. I am now reduced from the governorship of Yarmouth Castle, which was my main support. The Major owes me 607*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*; I beg payment of the arrears, that I may pay the debts, and bring up my poor children. With speedy reference to Council, 1 Aug. 1655. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 15. **28.** Reference thereon to the members of Council who are Treasury Commissioners, and to Major-Gen. Skippon, to report. [½ *page. Also, I.* 76, *p.* 236.]

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1. The petition of James Earl of Home, James Earl of Hartfell, Sir Rob. Douglas of Blackenston, and other nobles and gentles of Scotland, referred to Lambert and Pickering, to report.

2. That of Rob. Twistleton and Evan Winstanley referred to Wolsley, Rous, and Strickland.

5. Two religious Frenchmen, lately brought to Plymouth by an English frigate, to be released, and have liberty to leave England, at the request of the French Ambassador.

8. The petition of the Committee for clearing claims for forfeited lands in Ireland, referred by the Protector to Council, referred to Wolsley, Sydenham, and Lisle, to report.

9. Order on report from the Committee on the petition touching Colchester—that some articles have been presented to the Committee, for which, not being in their reference, they pray direction—that the same Committee consider the fittest way to put Mr. Barrington's business, and report.

12. Order on report of the Treasury Commissioners on the petition of Mary, Robert, and Eliz. Jermyn [*see* 2 *March* 1655]—that the patent to Henry and Thos. Jermyn, of the Registrar's Office in Chancery, became void because no one attended to execute the place, and therefore a new patent was granted; that execution by deputies is taken away, and the fees so reduced as to be but competent for the 4 registrars who are to attend, the extra fees being formerly received by persons uncapable to execute the office, and therefore that no alteration can be made without breach of Ordinance—that Council does not see fit to do anything therein. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 234–7.] *Annexing,*

29. I. *Report of the Treasury Commissioners, stating in detail the right of Lady Jermyn and her children to the office,* *but they lose their right by the Ordinance against its execution by deputy; yet it would be an act of equity if they were ordered a subsistence therefrom for life.* 26 *June* 1655. [3 *pages.*]

Aug. 15. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Corporation of Southampton. His Highness and Council, having considered the misdemeanour of Wm. Higgins, mayor, Wm. Stanley, alderman, and Edw. Downer, late high-sheriff, resolve that they be discharged from their offices, and desire you therefore carefully to choose men of piety, integrity, and well-affected to the present Government to fill their places. [*I.* 76, *p.* 233.]

Aug. 15. **30.** J. Edes to Williamson. Offers of service. We want a sight of your Act here. There are great preparations for the feast, and enough is said of the music to raise expectancy to the highest pitch. Please to forward me my letters. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 16. Orders by the Protector for the postal service in England, Scotland, and Ireland:—

FOR THE PACKET.

(1.) No packets or letters to be sent express unless directed for our special affairs, and subscribed by or addressed to us, the President of Council, Major-General of the Army, Treasury Commissioners, Principal Secretary of State, Admiralty Commissioners, Generals of the Fleet, Army Committee, or ambassadors or agents beyond the seas.

(2.) Letters and packets so directed to be carried by post from stage to stage only, being dated and signed by the writer or sender, and to run 7 miles an hour from 1 April to 30 Sept., and 5 miles the rest of the year.

(3.) That the expedition of the service may appear, every post is to keep a book, and enter the day and hour when packets are brought to him; to have 2 leather bags lined with cotton to carry the packets in, and to sound a horn when he meets company, and 4 times a mile.

(4.) They are to have all former favours and immunities, viz., freedom from impress, and from personal attendance at assizes, sessions, and inquests.

(5.) They are to carry the mails to and from London 3 times a a week without charge, have a good horse ready saddled against the hour the mail shall come in, and not detain it more than ½ an hour, entering on a label annexed to the mail the hour, their name, and the name of the stage.

(6.) Every post is to deliver all letters in the country at or near his stage, sent him by the principal ministers of the letter office, and receive port according to the tax on the letters, except such as are marked post paid, accounting for the moneys every 3 months, and returning to London letters brought to them in the country.

(7.) Every postmaster is to keep a large ledger, and to enter our packets, with the name of the post who brought them, the

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month, day and hour, of their arrival, and to whom directed. The time of the receipt to be also entered on a label fastened to the packet, and not on the packet or letter, as before.

To ensure security and expedition, our chief Secretary of State is to have charge of the postage and carriage of all letters and packets, both foreign and inland, to and from all places in England, Scotland, and Ireland, unless sent by common known carriers, or by messengers on purpose, or by servants or friends, or by ships not being packet boats for letters. All such packet boats are forbidden, and to be suppressed unless employed or authorized by him.

ORDERS FOR THROUGH POSTS.

(1.) The service of the packets, and the horsing of through posts, and persons riding post with horn or guide, is to be performed by the standing posts, who are to keep a sufficient number of saddled post horses, and none others to horse any without their consent. If, on the arrival of ambassadors or other occasion, men riding post, that is with horn or guide, come in such numbers that the provision does not suffice, the constables, with aid of the chief magistrate, on requisition in our name, are to supply the post with hired horses.

(2.) All strangers riding with horse and guide alone, or with one of our posts, for the Low Countries, France, &c., all ambassadors on their princes' affairs, and others riding with horse or guide, are to change horses only at the post house, paying 3*d.* a mile, beside the guide groat.

(3.) None are to take horses without first paying the hire, nor to ride them further than the next stage, nor charge them with any burden more than 30 lbs. (beside the rider) without consent of the postmaster. On a complaint of disobedience, the party is to be stayed by the magistrate till payment is made or security given; if further punishment is needed, our Secretary is to send for the parties to answer their contempt.

(4.) All are required to obey these, and any further directions of our Secretary for ordering posts. Approved 17 Aug. [*I.* 76*A*, *pp.* 94–8; *I.* 76, *pp.* 237, 244.]

Aug. 16. Form of a certificate to be used by justices of peace in England and Wales, in case of Popish recusants refusing to take the oath of abjuration, or neglecting to appear to take it.

We, being two justices of peace of co. Bucks, certify to the Barons' Court of Exchequer, that the persons in the schedule annexed, being summoned by us, on the proclamation of 26 April 1655, to take the oath of abjuration, as being suspected to be Popishly affected, refused to take it.

We also certify that the persons in another schedule refused or neglected to attend us, being legally required. With forms of both schedules, which are to be written on parchment, sent up sealed to the barons, and delivered on oath that they were received from the justices who signed them. Approved 3 Sept. [*I.* 76*A*, *pp.* 105–6; *I.* 76, *pp.* 237, 264.]

Aug. 16. **31, 32.** Petition of John Whicker and other owners of the Gilliflower, to the Protector. In 1644, when Pembrokeshire was almost lost to Parliament for want of money, arms, and munition, from their good affection, and at request of the County Commissioners, they furnished the public with money and goods from their ship, value 557*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*, and have a receipt therefor. The said Commissioners then took up the ship at 150*l.* a month for 4 months, to guard the port and town, and land men and ordnance, making the entire claim 1,157*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*

The late Committee of Parliament voted them the 557*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*, and promised to report their claim for freight, with interest, to Parliament; but the report was never made, justice is delayed, and they have scarcely anything to maintain their wives and children. Beg the 1,157*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* with interest. With reference thereon to Council, 1 May 1654. [*2 copies, 1 sheet each. Also I.* 92, *No.* 61.] *Annexing,*

32. I. *Order in Parliament that Sir Rich. Phillipps, John Langhorne, Art. Owen, Roger Lort, Lewis Barlow, Capt. Rich. Swanley, and Capt. Smith be added to the Commissioners for cos. Pembroke, Carmarthen, and Cardigan, and Thos. Wogan, David Morgan, and John Lloyd put out, having turned to them that are in actual war against Parliament.* 14 *Aug.* 1644. *Endorsed "John Whicker."* [¾ *page. Printed in Lords' Journals,* vi., 670.]

32. II. *Bill of goods, viz., iron, cloth, canvas, &c., delivered by Ralph Gosnold, on account of Capt. Rich. Crandley and John Whicker, merchant, to the County Commissioners of Pembroke, for relief of the Parliament's garrison, for which goods they are to receive* 1,500 *bushels of good wheat, at* 3*s. a bushel. Value of goods* 557*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*; *demurrage of ship,* 600*l.* 10 *Oct.* 1644. [1 *page.*]

32. III. *Order in the Derby House Committee, that the petition of Capt. Rich. Crandley and others, about provisions delivered for Pembrokeshire, and for Youghall in Ireland, be specially commended to the Committee of the House of Commons for Petitions.* 4 *Oct.* 1645. [½ *page.*]

32. IV. *Orders of the Committee of the said House for Petitions for payment,* 20 *and* 27 *Jan., and* 10 *Feb.* 1645–6; *also order for their payment from delinquents' estates, to be discovered by them within a month.* [1¼ *pages.*]

32. V. *Certificate by the County Commissioners, Phillipps, Swanley, Lort, and John Eliot, of their purchase of the said goods, for which corn was to be delivered; but the enemy soon after forced their way into the county, and did much spoil, and drove the Parliament's forces into Pembroke and Tenby garrisons, whereby the Committee were unable*

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to perform their contract for delivery of the corn, and the ship had to remain on demurrage from 3 *Jan. to* 26 *April* 1645, *at the cost of* 580*l.* 15*s.* 0*d. of which they recommend payment, as the goods enabled them to expel the enemy from that county, to which the ship and men gave assistance.* 26 *Jan.* 1645–6. [¾ *page.*]

32. VI. *Order in Parliament, referring Mr. Whicker's business to the Navy Committee, to report what should be given him.* 19 *Feb.* 1650–1. [⅔ *page. Printed Com. Journals,* vi. 536.]

32. VII. *Report by the said Commissioners thereon, that goods, value* 557*l.* 12*s.* 8*d., were taken up by the County Commissioners from the said ship.* 11 *July* 1651. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 16. Order in Council that the said petition be forthwith dismissed. [*I.* 75, *p.* 240.]

Aug. 16. Notes of petitions, all in *I.* 92, referred in 1654 to the Committee for Petitions, of their reports, and of Orders in Council on most of the cases, all in *I.* 76, viz.:—

Peter Van Latham and Jos. Lee, that their claim to the ship Treveer of Treveer may be admitted; it was sentenced in the Admiralty Court before they had notice. Referred to the Admiralty Judges and Dr. Walker, to state the fact, and report. [*No.* 12, *p.* 238.]

Divers shipowners, for payment of arrears of freight due for employment in the service since 1642; reported as not proper for Council, but to be left to Parliament, part of the debt being already paid. Dismissed. [*No.* 14, *p.* 238.]

Officers and soldiers, late under Major Thos. Shilborne, and Capt. Deverell, for arrears of their pay, on certificates and reports of Capt. Falconbridge and Rich. Sherwin. Referred to the Commissioners for Soldiers' Accounts at Worcester House, to examine the vouchers on their accounts, and report. [*No.* 15, *p.* 238.]

Mrs. Burton, for 200*l.*, part of her Public Faith debt, as ordered by Parliament. Her husband mortgaged her jointure to raise a troop, and was slain in the service. Dismissed. [*No.* 16.]

Dr. Godfrey Goodman, late Bishop of Gloucester, for some allowance for maintenance. Referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report. [*No.* 17, *p.* 239.]

John Worsopp and Ant. Thomas, for 100 purchasers and adventurers in the drained level of the East and West Fens, on the N. and N.E. of Witham River, co. Lincoln, to be reinstated in their possession, and further relieved. Dismissed, the thing in question being matter of title. [*No.* 19, *p.* 239.]

Major Sam. Gooday, that 1,000*l.* due to him for arrears may be charged on the security of the Army; report that the time is elapsed if nothing done already. Dismissed. [*No.* 21, *p.* 239.]

Col. Geo. Gill, for payment of his arrears and expenses from 2,000*l.* in Lord Saville's hands; on report that ¼ should be paid him, the question whether ¼ of the 2,000*l.* arrears of Lord Saville's fine of 4,000*l.* shall be paid him as it comes in passed in the negative. [*No.* 23, *p.* 239.]

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Thos. Smith, Sam. Moyer, and other Masters of Trinity House, for incorporation. The Charter of Incorporation prepared by order of the late Council of State, and some rules for relief of poor mariners, to be considered Aug. 23. [*No.* 24*a*, *p.* 239.]

Wm. Cooke, commander of the Providence of London, and Wm. Wright and Nich. Martin, merchants, for reparation of their losses by the French by a ship taken in the Straits. Referred to the Commissioners for the French Treaty, that they may be relieved as others in like cases. [*No.* 25, *p.* 209.]

Edw. Solme, gent., for stay of proceedings on a contract at Worcester house, for lands which he holds by lease, but which were returned as in possession, he not exhibiting his claim in due time; reported as unsatisfactory and not to be allowed. Dismissed. [*No.* 26, *p.* 239.]

Carmen of London, their widows, orphans, and executors, for a hearing of the matter lately depending before the Committee of Parliament for Corporations, and for delivery of the papers; reported as fit for Parliamentary consideration. Dismissed. [*No.* 27, *p.* 239.]

Major Edw. Bass, for consideration of his sufferings and arrears, and his loss of an office of 250*l.* a year; reported as worthy of some employment of profit. Dismissed. [*No.* 28, *p.* 239.]

Nicholas, Ephraim, Elizabeth, and Judith, orphans of Nich. Murford, for relief in respect of their father's losses about salt works in the time of the late King; reported not proper for Council Dismissed. [*No.* 30, *p.* 240.]

John Birch, Mayor of Newbury, for pay of disbursements of that town about Dutch prisoners, above the State's allowance; report that the money was not looked after, nor the sum evidenced. Dismissed. [*No.* 32, *p.* 240.]

George Searle, for satisfaction, by a dividend out of the prizes taken from St. Malo, for his losses by the French of that town; reported unfit. Dismissed. [*No.* 34, *p.* 240.]

Lady Agnes Maxwell, for payment of the arrears of a pension granted her by King James; reported as long since due. Dismissed. [*No.* 38, *p.* 240.]

Eliz. Johnson, for benefit of a judgment, and possession of certain marsh lands, co. Lincoln; reported matter of title, fit for law. Dismissed. [*No.* 40, *p.* 240.]

Wm. Wray, and other farmers in North Wales, for a course to be taken for the rents of Welsh livings; reported as fit to be enquired into. Referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to enquire how the tithes and profits of the rectories sequestered from ministers by the Society for Propagation of the Gospel there are managed and disposed, consider particularly of the petition, and report. [*No.* 44, *p.* 240.]

Eliz. Folderoy, for payment of 30*l.* a year, part of 50*l.*, her late husband's augmentation according to his Highness's order; reported cannot be done. Dismissed. [*No.* 57.]

Capt. Fras. Swayne, for relief upon his arrears for service. Dismissed. [*No.* 58, *p.* 240.]

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Aug. 16. Capt. Hen. Courtney, for payment out of Irish lands of 843*l.*, for service in Cornwall. Dismissed. [*No.* 62, *p.* 240.]

Bathshua Makins, for payment of the arrears of 40*l.* a year granted her for life, for her attendance on the late King's children; reported as part of the business laid aside by Council. Dismissed. [*No.* 63, *p.* 241.]

Aug. 16. Council. Day's Proceedings.

2. Order,—on petition of Margaret, Countess of Worcester, praying the benefit of Worcester House,—that no letter be written to the Trustees for Delinquents' Estates, to represent the state of the business.

4. Lord Broghill's salary, as President of the Council in Scotland, to begin from March 1 last, in regard of his attendance in town from that time on that service.

5. Col. Whetham's salary, as one of the Council in Scotland, to begin from May 1 last, on the same ground.

6. The draft of an order of yesterday, on Lady Mary Jermyn's petition, read and agreed to.

7. The Committee and Treasurers of the money for distressed Protestants in Piedmont to see that, of the 15,000*l.* ordered to be transmitted beyond seas, 5,000*l.* be paid at Geneva to John Lodowick Calandrin, to be disposed according to his Highness's directions.

8. The clerks of Council to enquire why the arbitration proposed in the case of Armiger Warner has not taken effect, and to compose the difference between him and Jeffries, if possible.

9. Order on a paper from Lord Nieuport, that the Customs' Commissioners allow his agents to take up, custom free, 8 hogsheads of French wine, sent for his use from Zealand. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 237–8.]

Aug. 17. **33.** Petition of Sir Hen. Anderson to the Protector. Parliament granted and the late Council of State confirmed to my daughter Isabel, widow of John Hotham, for herself and her only son Henry, 7,000*l.*, but the late Act of Oblivion cut off all the moneys on which it was to be raised, and she died greatly in debt, leaving the child eight years old, who died a year after; I, as his grandfather and administrator, am much engaged for the debts, as appears by a bond of 4,000*l.* of Hotham's, forfeited to me. Being now a prisoner for this debt, I beg the 7,000*l.* from moneys or lands to be discovered by me. With reference, signed by the Protector, to Council, 14 Aug. 1655. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

33. i. *Order in Parliament for payment to Mrs. Hotham of the rents due to Mr. Hotham before his death, and now in the tenants' hands, and also for restoration to her of such of his goods seized by Lord Fairfax as are not disposed of.* 12 *Jan.* 1645–6. [½ *page, copy. Com. Journals* iv. 404.]

33. ii. *Order in a Committee of the Council of State authorized to decide in the case of Mrs. Hotham and her son, that they be allowed ½ of* 10,000*l. and of* 4,000*l. to be discovered by them.* 17 *Nov.* 1651. [¾ *page.*]

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Aug. 17. Reference thereon in Council to Mulgrave, Skippon, and Desborow, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 241.]

Aug. 17. Whitehall. **34.** Order by the Protector that Col. Goffe, Nath. Bacon, Master of Requests, and Hen. Scobell, and Wm. Jessop, clerks of Council, examine witnesses on the abuses in Whittlewood Forest by John Urlin, John Hathway, Wm. Taylor, Wm Perry, and others. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

34. I. *Notes of the examinations of the said persons, with their replies to the charges against them, and of witnesses therein.* 18 *Aug.* 1655. [3 *pages; see* 24 *July* 1655.]

34. II. *Like notes of examinations.* 31 *Aug.* [1 *page.*]

34. III. *Report by the Committee that as to Urlin, much will depend on whether the coppices purchased by him be forest, the highway legally taken in, and the fences strong enough to keep out deer; also whether the charge of abusing the keepers, which he denies, can be proved, but there should be examination on the place. He has cleared himself about the felling, having a reprize therefor, as shewn by orders of the Committee for removing Obstructions. Hathway challenged a liberty of coursing, but has promised Lord Claypole henceforth to forbear it. Taylor denies the killing of the deer, and says the keepers set on him, but this must be examined at the place.* [2 *pages.*]

Aug. 17. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

2. A paper of Aug. 15, signed by Capt. John Browne, concerning abuses offered to Nich. Widlowe, Edw. Whittaker, and John Oliver, soldiers in his troop, by Fras. Hill and his company, in their way from their muster at Sevenoaks towards Dartford, co. Kent, on July 17 last, read, and referred to Col. Kelsey, Col. John Twistleton, Capt. Augustine Skinner, and Lambert Godfrey, to report.

3. The Petitions to the Protector of—

John Hook,
Col. Thos. Symons,
Maj. Chris. Copperthwaite,
„ Elias Chamberlaine,
Capt. Matth. Phillips,
Thos. Davies,
Edw. Russell,
Wm. Bowes,
James Pinkney,
Thos. Barnes,
Matth. Binks, and
Edw. Cook,

concerning the office of clerk of the market, which were referred to Council, referred to Wolsley, Rous, and Strickland, to report.

5. To advise payment of 3,000*l.* to Frost, for the Council's contingencies.

6. Order on a report of the Commissioners for Appeals and regulating the Excise—presenting Thos. Tucker, their registrar, as a fit person to be sent to Scotland to assist in settling the excise there—that he be so sent; that during his absence, he be continued in his office as registrar, and have the fees and profits; and that the Council in Scotland make him a Commissioner for Excise there, with the same pay as the other Commissioners; if he deserve any further recompense, it is to be allowed. Approved 22 Aug. *Annexing,*

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Aug. 17. Council. Day's Proceedings (*cont.*)

35. I. *Report alluded to, adding that he can be spared a short time without prejudice.* [½ *page.*]

7. An abridgment of the privileges of the Island of Guernsey, a declaration of its condition, and a paper touching Castle Cornet, presented by Jas. Haviland and Chas. De la Marche to the Protector, and transmitted to Council, referred to Scobell and Jessop, to present a short statement thereof to Council.

8. The petition of Jenkin Lloyd, for himself and the other Commissioners for ejection of scandalous Ministers and Schoolmasters in South Wales, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

9. The Army Committee to cast up the amount of the 2 months' pay ordered 20 July to Capt. Foster and 30 men, placed in Middleham Castle to prevent its surprise, and his Highness to be requested to order payment from the Army's contingencies.

10. Order on certificate of the Customs' Commissioners that the 375*l.* which they were ordered on 24 July to repay to Tobias Solicoffers has long since been paid into the Treasury, to advise a warrant for its payment from the Exchequer.

12. Order on report from the Committee on the petitions of Edw. May and Dav. Clarkson that—as May's claim is only on presentation of the sequestered Earl of Westmoreland, and as the Committee for plundered Ministers appointed to the rectory from Jan. 1643–4 to last May, when Clarkson was ejected by May, and as May is reported scandalous—the former Committee examine further and report, and meanwhile May suffer Clarkson to officiate and receive all the dues, for which he is to be accountable, if the order goes against him.

13. Order that the Army Committee, in issuing their warrants for payment of 4,000*l.* to the forces to be reduced in England and Wales, pay them only to the day of their reducement, not exceeding 13 August instant. Approved 22 Aug.

14. Order to advise payment to the Treasurers-at-war of 4,793*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*, from which the Army Committee are to be required to pay the foot companies in London, viz., to his Highness' regiment, Cols. Goffe and Ingoldsby's, and 16 companies of Lord Lambert's foot, for one month, ending 20 Aug., 4,242*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*, and to the forces in the Tower, 550*l.* 6*s.* Approved 22 Aug.

15. **36.** The Admiralty Commissioners to prepare the Sparrow, or some fit ship, to carry 30,000*l.* to Leith, according to an order of Aug. 14.

16. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 7 and 16 Aug. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 241–4.]

Aug. 17. Motston. **37.** Rob. Dillington to Williamson. Private affairs. Command me somewhat to the Duchess of Richmond, or come to London with thy duchess' mask in thy pocket. [1⅔ *pages, much defaced.*]

[Aug. 20.] **38.** Abstract by Wm. Astell of his proceedings in reference to the silver ships.

On 21 January 1652–3, Ab. Johnson told me and Wm. Pembridge that the Samson, Salvador, and George belonged to Holland, and said he would confess it before the Prize Commissioners. They sent 4 of us to Woolwich to make discoveries, and we met with the trumpeter of the Salvador, Corn. Petersen, who discovered to us what I have already alleged, and said they could get at the silver and fill their pockets when they pleased. I told the Prize Commissioners this, in order that the waiters might search them, and they gave me and Pembridge a letter to Col. Barkstead, who gave us a search warrant; but our intentions were soon known; though we took no silver, we kept them from stealing, as the seamen were to be searched before leaving the ship; but 2 bars taken by the gunner and hidden in his cabin were seized.

I showed my paper of discovery to Dr. Walker, and he was angry that it had not been brought in before; then I sent it to the Council of State by Maj.-Gen. Desborow, who bade me see what more I could discover.

I was from January to October before I could get my witnesses examined, and then the examinations were delivered to Mr. Violet, who pretended to the discovery, and my labour would have been imputed to him, but my wife informed Dr. Walker to the contrary. I often went to the Admiralty Judges for publication, but could get none, so I thought all was done, and begged a gratuity, when his Highness sent to the Judges for examination and report. At last the Judges brought a report, I know not what; Judge Godolphin said it was not ripe, but I might ask for charges, when I got 40*l.* I had then been 16 months on the business, and still went on, till at last I got publication, and then the trial was ¾ of a year, and I followed it to the end; but by means of Ab. Johnson and his wife, the Samson was cleared, though afterwards made prize, because some Spaniards were part owners. It was in the height of our Holland war, and I prosecuted the ships because they sailed from Amsterdam, and were bound to Amsterdam, and that not on Johnson's discovery, but on what I heard from Corn. Petersen, the trumpeter. Johnson claims the discovery, but he never put in a paper, nor brought witnesses, nor was at any charge. [4½ *pages.*]

Aug. 20. **39.** Similar paper, but more lengthy in its details. [6½ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

39. I. *Warrant by Col. John Barkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower, to all constables, officers, &c. of the Thames, and in Middlesex and Surrey, to assist Wm. Astell and Wm. Pembridge in finding out silver conceived to be embezzled from the Dutch prizes between the Tower and Gravesend, and to apprehend those concerned therein, and bring them before him, or a justice of peace near, to be proceeded against according to law. Tower, 5 Feb. 1652–3.* [*Copy, 1 page.*]

39. II. *Dr. Walter Walker to Sec. Thurloe. The bearer begs that Urian Martesen may be examined about the silver in the Samson, &c. I tell him this cannot be without Council's*

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order, but he is so importunate, because the man is soon going out of England, that I trouble you with these lines. 4 *July*, 1653. [1 *page.*]

39. III. *Certificate by Rob. Swann, Headborough of Katherine's, that Urian Martesen lodged with him at 6d. a day as other prisoners, fell sick and went to the hospital, and then had only charity, and that Ab. Johnson did not maintain him.* 20 *July* 1655. [*Scrap.*]

Aug. 21. **40.** Petition of Capt. John Poyntz to the Protector. I and my 3 sons have served faithfully these 10 years in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and I have 240*l.* of arrears stated long since in Worcester House, and have spent my estate in looking after it, till I was forced, for want of it, to trail a pike under Col. Ingoldsby. I beg an order to the Haberdashers' Hall Committee to order the examination in my presence of some persons who hold concealed moneys, and to give me allowance for my arrears and charges out of what is recovered. The persons, all in co. Monmouth, are,—

Jas. Parry, Nich. Symmons, and Edw. Roberts, who have withheld rents for lands.

Marg. Morgan, of Carlian, Papist, part of her estate unsequestered.

John George, of Llanvihangel by Llanternam, arrears due for sequestration, and an unsequestered estate.

Thomas and Jas. Cox, who have seized the estate of Jeonett Poyntz, widow, and a Papist, who died without children. With reference to Strickland, Captain of the Guard, and Jones; Hampton Court, 21 Aug. 1655. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

40. I. *Capt. John Poyntz to Col. Phil. Jones. I beg you to hasten your report on my petition. Strickland will put his hand to what you agree to, and you have several letters and certificates from Monmouthshire about these estates.* [½ *page.*]

40. II. *Report thereon that the Treasury Commissioners should proceed to judgment on the said discoveries, and out of the moneys brought in therefrom, Poyntz's arrears and expenses should be paid.* [1 *page, corrected draft.*]

Aug. 21. **41.** Petition of Charles Walley, of Chester, to the Protector. I have been 10 years employed in the State's service, to ship off all the forces sent by way of Chester, Liverpool, or the ports in North Wales, into Ireland, paying quarters whilst they waited a wind, and to buy and send away divers kinds of provisions for the army in Ireland, and some for Scotland, and also to manage the disbursements for the reducing the Isle of Man. For this, large sums have been intrusted to me, which I have paid on instructions of the Council of State, or Irish and Scotch Committee, and those accounts have been carefully cleared, and the State was always debtor to me. The other accounts have been neglected through press of business, but are now ready. I beg an order to the Auditors of the Imprest, or the Treasurers at Guildhall, or other public auditors, to take my account.

As from the nature of the service I could not have vouchers for all my disbursements, I beg that the auditors, where I cannot produce acquittance or voucher, may allow the same on my oath. I beg discharge without delay, as I find myself much decayed of late, both in spirit and strength, having been in London 11 months. With reference thereon, signed by the Protector, to Council, to order the stating of the accounts, and consider how he may be satisfied for his manifold services. Hampton Court, 16 July 1655. [1 *sheet.*]

41. I. [*Chas. Walley to the Protector.*] *The Guildhall Treasurers have seen my accounts, and given me my charge, as most of the money received was from them, and I am now to state my payments. I beg you to empower Fras. Allen, John Blackwell, jun., Wm. Rowe, and Wm. Garbert to take my accounts, and certify, giving them power to take my oath on those particulars for which I have not vouchers. If I am put over to other auditors, who must have all my accounts, my business will be so delayed that I may not be able to see it finished, having now been a year in London, and growing weak. I have served 9 years without salary or allowance, and beg dispatch. I am a stranger to the Council, and they to me, and have no friend but you. I beg your assent to an order of the following purport.* [1 *page.*]

41. II. *Form of an order as requested, for Commissioners to take his accounts, return a brief state thereof to Council, with the books, vouchers, &c., and say what orders or warrants are needful for the case to be settled, and Walley discharged.* [⅔ *page.*]

Aug. 21. Reference thereon in Council to the Auditors of Imprest, to state the accounts, and report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 245.]

Aug. 21. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. August 23 to be set apart for the seeking of God in prayer and humiliation.

2, 3. Dr. Thos. Goodwin, Mr. Greenhill, Jo. Carill, and Mr. Crodok, to be desired to assist as ministers in carrying on the work of that day.

4. Order on petition of Col. Geo. Gill, to pay him 500*l.* out of 2,000*l.*, ½ of the fine imposed on Lord Saville for delinquency, as soon as it shall be paid in.

5. Like order for payment to Vice-Adm. Lawson of 500*l.* out of the said fine.

7. Warrant for release of John Baptiste Du Testre and Jean de Jean (2 religious Frenchmen) with their 2 servants, taken in their way from Nantes to Martinique and Guadaloupe, whither they were going as Missionaries, and for delivery of their goods, books, and ornaments. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 245–6.]

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Aug. 22. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. An amendment to the last clause of the instructions to the Major-Generals, reported by Lambert, read and agreed to.

2. Orders and instructions to be given to the Commissioners in their respective counties read in part, the blanks filled up, and some alterations made.

3. Approval by the Protector of 4 orders of 17 Aug. [*I.* 76, *p.* 246.]

Aug. 22. **42.** Instructions by the Protector to the Major-Generals. We and our Council, to preserve the nation from the designs of restless and unwearied enemies, have ordered the enlisting of troops of horse in the several counties, and appoint you our Major-General.

1. To see that the officers and soldiers obey their instructions, and make their musters wherever you appoint them. To suppress tumults and rebellion, drawing together your force, and marching where you think fit in England or Wales. To have frequent meetings with your officers and others well affected, about the quiet of the country.

2. To see that all Papists and those who assisted the late King have their arms secured in some garrison.

3. To make the highways safe from daily robberies and burglaries, by finding out and apprehending thieves and dangerous persons, and prosecuting them at law, giving 10*l.* to the informer upon conviction.

4. To keep a strict eye on the carriage of the disaffected, and suppress their meetings, allowing no horse races, cock fightings, bear batings, or unlawful assemblies, as rebellion is usually hatched on such occasions

5. To inquire into idlers, that they may be compelled to work or banished, and the poor better provided for, and to execute the laws in such cases.

6. To promote godliness and discourage profanity, acting with justices of peace and ministers against drunkenness, blaspheming, &c., and to certify justices who are remiss, that they may be dismissed.

7. To assist those appointed to levy a tax for maintenance of the said forces, on the estates of delinquents who assisted the late King, or Charles Stuart, his son. With note that this last was omitted, and another added in its stead. [4 *pages, imperfect. The instructions, as abstracted in Parliamentary History, Vol.* 20, *pages* 461–7, *consisted of* 21 *articles, of which the above are only* 6, *the 7th is contained in the following paper*] :—

Aug. 24. **43.** Note of the preamble of the said instructions, ordering the Major-Generals to give notice to the several persons concerned in the counties, and desire them to meet and attend the service; also

To give an exact account of the proceedings on the Ordinance for ejecting ignorant and scandalous ministers and schoolmasters, and see to its effectual execution. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 24. **44.** Petition of Thos. Basnet, alderman, and John Walden, both of Coventry, to the Protector and Council. Basnet, being nominated by the Act of 24 Nov. 1653 a Commissioner for the Monthly

Assessments for the Army in Coventry and co. Warwick, met other commissioners in Knightlow Hundred, where they issued warrants for collecting moneys in the several divisions; but those charged upon Sir Peter Wentworth, though not higher in proportion than others, were not paid by the day appointed, 25 Dec. 1654. The sub-collector, though sent for by Hercey Green, agent to the Army Committee, dared not execute his office for fear of Sir Peter; therefore Walden, high collector for Knightlow Hundred, made several demands, but the bailiff and tenants said they had Sir Peter's written orders not to pay, because the assessment was illegal and contrary to the instrument of the present Government.

As this open denial much obstructed the coming in of moneys, the Commissioners ordered Walden to distrain Sir Peter's goods, which he did (the sheriff refusing a replevin), the sale was made, and the overplus returned.

For thus acting, Sir Peter has sent a writ to Wm. Vale and Rich. Hicks, the present sheriffs of Coventry, on which petitioners are arrested. Beg liberty to follow out their employment. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

44. I. *Writ for arrest of Basnet and Walden, for breaking into Sir Peter's house, and carrying away his goods,* 4 *July* 1655. [1 *page, copy.*]

44. II. *Hercey Green, agent, to the Army Committee. I beg you to present the petition of Basnet and Walden to Council with speed, as they are both in the sheriffs' custody. They should be relieved and encouraged, for in these parts, such as are active are few compared with the whole lists. The spreading rumour of Sir Peter's action much obstructs the coming in of moneys in the neighbourhood. Coventry,* 22 *Aug.* 1655. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Aug. 24. Order in Council thereon that Sir Peter be sent for in custody, and brought before Council. [*I.* 76, *p.* 248.]

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1. Council proceeded in reading the orders for the Commissioners in their respective counties, which were amended, agreed to, and approved by his Highness.

2. The instructions to the Major-Generals read, one instruction added, offered to his Highness, and approved.

11. The draft of a letter to the Major-Generals of the respective associations read, and agreed to by his Highness and Council.

12. The names of Commissioners in the several counties read, and those marked in the papers agreed to.

13. **45.** Order that the Admiralty Commissioners cause 2 merchant ships at Plymouth, and one in the Thames, taken up by them for transporting 13 weeks' victuals to the fleet under Blake, or others that are ready, to be forthwith despatched with the provisions to the fleet at or about Lagos Bay or the Straits' Mouth, with directions to their commanders to observe the orders of Gen. Blake. Also that they despatch the Bristol frigate to protect

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the said vessels, convoy them to Blake, and then pursue his instructions.

14. The latter part of the Admiralty Commissioners' report concerning Gen. Blake's fleet to be considered on Thursday.

16. Order—on report from the Army Committee, that the payment of arrears to the army for service in Scotland between May 20 1650 and Oct. 20 1651, has depended 3 years, and may continue unless a conclusion be put to it; whereby the charge of continuing the several officers remains,—that Dec. 26 next be fixed to determine the said payments, and after that day, no more arrears be paid to claimants.

17. His Highness and Council declare that, by force of the Ordinance for ejecting scandalous ministers and schoolmasters, the Commissioners for county Lincoln may exercise the same power in executing that Ordinance in the city as they have in the county.

18. The adding of other Commissioners to those appointed by the said Ordinance to be considered next Tuesday fortnight.

19. To advise payment of 4,000*l.* to Mr. Embree, for repair of his Highness's houses.

20. Order,—considering the present necessity to issue 4,242*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*, charged by Privy Seal on the Exchequer, for a month's pay for the foot quartered in and about London, which cannot suddenly be supplied—that the War Treasurers, out of any army money in hand, pay the said sum, on warrants from the Army Committee, and reimburse it from their receipts from the Exchequer on the said Privy Seal.

21. The Army Committee to certify the Treasury Commissioners what part of the 30,000*l.* designed for the reduced forces in Scotland, and of the 4,000*l.* for England and Wales, will remain in surplus, above what their pay shall come to. Approved 24 Aug.

22. The Treasury Commissioners to pay Sir Thos. Vyner and Alderman Riccard 100*l.* for their services about the 50,000*l.* paid to the Exchequer (being part of the 84,000*l.* deposited with them.) [*I.* 76, *pp.* 246–250.]

Aug. 24. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Trustees for settling the Estates of excepted Persons, and to the Commissioners, &c., for Public Revenue in Scotland. The Protector and Council, on consideration of the condition of the Countess of Lauderdale, have allowed her for life, out of the residue undisposed of the estate settled on her by marriage contract, 600*l.* a year, free from all debt and incumbrances from her husband; this is to be instead of a former allowance of 300*l.* granted by the Act of Pardon. If there be not enough of the estate left to satisfy her, the rest is to be paid out of the public revenue; also the 1½ years arrears of her pension of 400*l.* [*I.* 76. *p.* 248.]

Aug. 24. Navy Office. **46.** Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. After reading Sec. Thurloe's note to Mr. Noel, about sending dispatches from the Navy Office upon public affairs free of charge, we expected a ready compliance therein, but have found it much otherwise, as the post office refused to accept our letters without payment, and, when left, they were thrown after our messenger into the yard. Those addressed to us were detained, and would not be delivered until paid for. We find little expectation of relief from the printed orders, no provision being made for this office. We shall willingly submit to the rules therein prescribed, it being no advantage to us; but we must let you know that such proceedings are prejudicial to the service as well as to the Navy Office, and that this will soon be as manifest to others as it is to ourselves. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 28. **47.** Petition of David Clarkson, minister, to the Protector and Council. The case between me and Edw. May being heard and reported, Council ordered on 17 Aug. that I should be permitted to receive the tithes, &c., of Crayford rectory till further order. But, though this order was duly published, May, with a great number of people, cut up and carried away all the hops, value 80*l.*, being the chiefest part of the rectory profits, animated the parishioners to refuse the tithes, and assaulted my servant, whereby your authority is highly contemned. This I beg you to vindicate against May and his accomplices. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

47. I. *Depositions by Hen. Fearne and Randolph Pycroft, before Col. John Twistleton, that the said notice was duly served and published, but that May, with Geo. Binny, hop-dresser, Dan. Esterson, bricklayer, and others,* 80 *in number, cut down the hops; also that Pycroft was assaulted and beaten whilst tithing.* 25 *Aug.* 1655. [2 *pages.*]

Aug. 28. Order thereon in Council that May, Binny, and Esterson be sent for in custody. [*I.* 76, *p.* 251.]

Aug. ? **48.** Petition of Edw. May, minister at Crayford, to the Committee of Council on the case. On complaint of David Clarkson, I was ordered to attend to answer this charge [*see* 24 *July* 1655] and have attended ever since. Last Wednesday I was called before you, and matters were objected against me on a certificate from Col. Blunt, to which I answered as well as I could, being unprepared for defence. You then appointed me to attend the next Tuesday, but I cannot answer without a copy of the information. I beg this copy, time for my defence, and leave to be heard by my counsel, and to present my answer in writing; also consideration of my former petition, and of one from the inhabitants of Crayford. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 28. **49.** Petition of John Adams, "a poor distressed preacher of the Gospel," to the Protector and Council. I have laboured 20 years in Kent, and been 9 years blind, on which the Committee of Canterbury settled on me 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* a year, out of 100*l.* given to poor decayed ministers and other pious uses, from the foundation of Christ Church, with a house and wood, worth 20 nobles a year. This grant was confirmed by the Committee for Plundered Ministers, and by the trustees for Dean and Chapter lands, till Michaelmas 1650, when the house was sold away, and I have received little of my stipend. I have had orders for relief from the Committee for Petitions and the late Council of State, but little benefit therefrom, and I am in extreme want. The Treasurers sometimes have no money, and now they say I must have new orders. I beg arrears, and future payment. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

49. I. *Orders of the Kent Commissioners* 15 *April* 1645, 11 *Jan.* 1646–7, *and* 2 *May* 1649, *and of the Committee for Plundered Ministers,* 28 *Aug.* 1646 *and* 5 *May* 1649, *concerning the grants recited.* [¾ *page, copies.*]

49. II. *Orders to like effect by the Gurney House Trustees, May* 14. *July* 20, *and Oct.* 20 *and* 24, 1650. [2 *pages, copies.*]

49. III. *Orders by the Committee for Petitions, recommending his case to the said Trustees* 4 *Nov.* 1652, *and by the Council of State,* 29 *July* 1653; *with note that he has only received 3l. thereon.* [1 *page.*]

49. IV. *Abstracts of the above orders.* [1 *page.*]

Aug. 28. Order thereon that the Dean and Chapter trustees pay him his pension with arrears, if they find just ground; and if not, that they state the case to Council. [*I.* 76 *p.* 251.]

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3. The letter from the Lord Deputy of Ireland of August 1, on behalf of Col. Phaire, Major Wallis, and Capt. Deane, and their petition enclosed, referred to the Committee of Council for Ireland, to report.

4. To reply to a letter to Thurloe from Mr. Herbert, Clerk of the Council in Ireland, praying Council's pleasure concerning Lieut.-Gen. Ludlow's return to England, that observance of Council's former order is expected, till further order be given.

6, 7. Order—on hearing Sir Peter Wentworth, K.B., who was in custody, and attending at the door—that Thos. Basnet and John Walden, who are under arrest at his suit, be liberated, and that he withdraw his action against them, for which they are under arrest by the Sheriffs of Coventry, and order their liberation.

8. The Serjeant-at-arms to discharge Sir Peter Wentworth. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 250–2.]

Aug. 28. Whitehall. Order by the Protector in Council, appointing Col. John Barkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower, Ald. John Dethick, and Geo. Foxcroft, Commissioners to put in execution the laws and ordinances against printing unlicensed and scandalous books and pamphlets, and for further regulation of printing, for lack whereof evil-minded persons are continually writing and publishing dangerous, seditious, and blasphemous books and papers. They are to observe the following instructions:—

(1.) To search and enquire after all master printers in London, Westminster, and Southwark, their number of presses and

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workmen, their character and quality, and how affected to the present Government, and report thereon within 28 days.

(2.) To enquire what persons unlicensed use printing presses in any part of the Commonwealth, and seize, and deface their type and materials, and have them prosecuted for their fines, and punished.

(3.) To enquire whether the printers in London, &c., have entered into the required bonds with 2 sureties, according to the Act for regulating Printing; and if so, whether they have broken the conditions of their bonds, that they may be prosecuted accordingly.

(4.) To take care that no persons print, reprint, or publish pamphlets, books of news, or other papers, unless authorized by us or our Council, or licensed by those appointed thereto. All offenders to be proceeded against according to law.

(5.) We specially require you to execute the Ordinance of Sept. 1647, against unlicensed and scandalous books, &c., and for regulation of printing; also an Ordinance of 14 June 1643, and an Act of the Common Council of London of 9 Oct. 1643, forbidding the crying and hawking in the streets of pamphlets, books, or papers.

You are to arrest all offenders and their abettors, send them to Bridewell, and inflict corporal and pecuniary punishments, and not to discharge them without satisfaction; the Governor of Bridewell to see to this.

You are also to search for and carry to Stationers' Hall all printing presses and other materials employed in unlicensed printing, to be defaced; also to search for and send to Council any such books, pamphlets, or papers of news. In case of opposition, you are to break open locks and doors, summon offenders before the Lord Mayor or justices of peace, and all officers, civil and military, are to assist you. You may employ discreet persons to carry out these orders, and reward prosecutors, and allowance shall be made you. With note that a copy in parchment was signed by his Highness, and sent to Col. Berkstead. Approved 9 Oct. [*I.* 76*A*, *pp.* 134–6; *I.* 76, *p.* 328.]

Aug. 29. **50.** Petition of Sir Corn. Vermuyden to the Protector. By the dissolution of Glastonbury Abbey, Henry VIII. became seized of Sedgmoor waste, co. Somerset, 12,000 acres. King James, anno 17, on the petition of the lords and tenants claiming right thereon, and on their acknowledgment of his right, consented to an improvement, reserved 4,000 acres, and left the residue to those who claimed right of common, but died before the agreement was perfected. King Charles consented to do the like, and, anno 7, conveyed the waste to petitioner for 12,000*l.* and a fee-farm rent of 100*l.*; a commission was issued to set forth the lands, but the late distractions hindered its being finished.

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The waste is boggy and unwholesome, but would be improved by draining. Begs a new commission to set out indifferently for petitioner the 4,000 acres, that he may go on with so good a work. With reference thereon to counsel-at-law 3 Feb. 1653–4, and Att.-Gen. Prideaux's report, 26 May 1654, that the tenants acknowledged the right of the late kings to the 4,000 acres, and wished the moor to be enclosed and drained, and warrants and commissions were issued by King Charles for setting it out to the petitioner, but prevented by the troubles. Also that the dividing the moor, making allotments to those who have right of common, would be a public benefit. [1¾ *pages.*]

Aug. 29. **51.** Copy of the said petition and report. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

51. I. *Petition of several Lords of the Manors bordering on Sedgmoor, co. Somerset, to King* [*James*]. *As you have made known to us your purpose of having the moor drained, that some good part of it might be converted to your use, and the rest improved for those who have the right of common, allotting each of us a proportion, we thank you therefor, and beseech you to accept* 4,000 *acres, and grant us the residue in fee simple, to be used in common as before, debarring all intruders, whereby we believe our allotment will be more profitable than our common over the whole moor has been. Signed by William, Earl of Pembroke, William, Earl of Northampton, and* 15 *others.* [¾ *page, copy.*]

51. II. *Privy Seal declaring that the King accepts the said offer, and requires the Exchequer officers to issue commissions, orders, &c., accordingly, and the Attorney-General to prepare the requisite deeds and bills for the grant to the tenants of their parts. Endorsed with notes of a patent* 25 *Jan.,* 7 *Charles, and a conveyance* 15 *June,* 11 *Charles, from the patentees to Pyke and others.* [*Copy,* 1½ *pages.*]

51. III. *Note of measurement of Sedgmoor,* 14,000 *acres, and of the proportions in which* 10,370 *should be distributed amongst the adjoining manors.* [1 *page.*]

Aug. 29. **52.** Petition of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to the Protector, for renewal of the commission to set out lands purchased of the late King, the Attorney-General having reported in favour thereof [*see* 3 *Feb.* 1654]. Will be ruined if deprived of his right, long since purchased at a dear rate. With reference thereon to Council. 9 Aug. 1655. [¾ *page.*]

Aug. 29. **53.** Reference by Council to Jones, Wolsley, Lambert, Pickering, Lisle, and Rous, to consider the petition and papers annexed, and report. [⅔ *page; also I.* 76, *p.* 253.] *Annexing,*

53. I. *Report thereon,* 30 *Aug., recapitulating the former report of the Attorney-General in favour of the petition, and desiring that he and the Solicitor-General, with Whitelock and Widdrington, may certify whether the petition of the*

Lords of the Manors, and the acceptance thereof by the Privy Seals of the late kings, be an agreement that will stand good, and a sufficient cause for the renewing of the commission. [2 *pages.*]

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3. On the seal for the Council of Scotland, the arms of Scotland to be engraved, with his Highness' arms on an escutcheon of pretence.

4. Hen. Maundy to make a mace for the Scotch Council of 100*l.* value.

5. To advise a warrant to continue to Sam. Hartlib from the Exchequer the 100*l.* a year ordered him from delinquents' estates, and paid by the Haberdashers' Hall Commissioners till Dec. 1654, when the revenues were ordered to be brought into one treasury.

6. Eldred to be continued as Commissary for provisions in Scotland till further order, at 10*s.* a day, which is to be entered on the establishment. Approved 21 Sept.

7. The 3 storekeepers at Inverness, Stirling, and St. Johnston, to be continued at 3*s.* a day, and also entered. Approved 21 Sept.

8. Lieut.-Cols. Mills and Lago, and Major Miller added to the Committee appointed 31 July and 7 Aug. to take care of the arms and ammunition in the reduced garrisons of the nation.

9. **54.** Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners on petition of the owners of the Marmaduke—that there be paid to the well-affected owners their proportions of 1,200*l.* allowed for the ship, and of 878*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* due for freight in the service in 1644, total 2,078*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.*, they making over to the State all their interest in the ship. Approved 21 Sept. *Annexing,*

54. I. *Report on which the said order is founded,* 23 *June* 1655. [1 *page.*]

10. Lambert's report on the case of Capt. John Blackwell read, and the question whether the report should be put to the question negatived.

11. The Clerks of Council to remind Council of the report on Capt. Blackwell's petition, on the Lord Deputy of Ireland's coming over.

13. A report from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning a declaration for the next summer's guard read, and to be considered when his Highness is present.

14. A like report on the petitition of Peter Butler, mariner, concerning his losses by the Spaniards, read and negatived.

15. Order on a report from the Admiralty Commissioners, that Chris. Turner, prisoner at Plymouth, commander of a small frigate of Brest, lately brought in, be released in exchange for Capt. Jeremy Country, of the Portsmouth shallop, surprized last June by a man-of-war, and carried to Brest, where he remains prisoner. *Annexing,*

55. I. *Report alluded to, recommending the exchange, as Turner was born in Ireland of English parents, is a merchant and no seaman, was lately married in France, is 50 years*

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old, and not of much use to his party. 28 *Aug.* 1655. [1 *page.*]

16. Order that—as on 20 March 1653–4, a Committee was appointed for Approbation of Public Preachers, who constantly attend at great expense without provision therefor, and without any salary; also as by the Ordinances for continuing the poor knights of Windsor, 1,086*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* was reserved for them, and the remainder of the revenues, for which the late Dean and Chapter of Windsor were in trust, was to go to charitable purposes—the governor of the New Windsor Almshouses pay the said Commissioners 200*l.* a year for diet, attendance, &c., of which they are to give a true account to the steward of his Highness' household. Approved 21 Sept.

17. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider Edw. Hayward's desire for leave to dispose of some of the books he has published, on the sizes and lengths of riggings, &c., notwithstanding Council's order of Feb. 8, and to give him license if they find it convenient.

19. Order on report from the Committee on Geo. Wither's petition stating the case thus:—That 300*l.* which he had paid as interest of 700*l.* due to him from the State, with the interest of the said 700*l.* from March 22, 1647–8 was, by order of Parliament on April 26, 1649, charged on Haberdashers' Hall, or out of such delinquents' estates as he should discover to that Committee, or as had been compounded for at under value; that on July 23, 1651, the Advance of money Committee ordered that his discoveries made before August 8, 1650, should be admitted as discovered upon the said order, and the proceeds paid him; that June 30, 1652, Martin Dallison certified that on March 22, 1647–8, petitioner entered information of delinquency against John Monger, of Surrey, who paid into Goldsmiths' Hall during August and Sept. 1650, in full of his fine, 313*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*, and an additional 118*l.*, amounting to 431*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*; but that no part of 300*l.* or of the interest of the 700*l.* has been paid to the petitioner—to advise his Highness to order payment to Geo. Wither of 361*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* in full discharge of all that is due to him, being the said 300*l.*, and interest on the 700*l.* from 25 March 1647 to 6 April 1649.

20. Order—on report on the petition of Capt. Wm. Burrill, Governor of Mersey Island [*see* 19 *July* 1655], that the Army Committee give a warrant to the Treasurers-at-war to pay 93*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* due to Burrill for 26 days' pay for captain, officers, and 57 soldiers. Approved 21 Sept. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 252–7.] *Annexing,*

56. I. *Report alluded to, signed by Commissary-Gen. Edw. Whalley, Fras. White, and Col. W. Goffe.* [1 *page.*]

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Pres. Lawrence to the President and Council of Scotland. His Highness and Council, wishing to settle the business of Excise and customs in Scotland, and thinking that much will depend in future on its right ordering at first, which will require the assistance of an experienced person, have sent Thos. Tucker, with whose experience and fidelity they are well satisfied, to settle the business, and have appointed him, during his abode there, one of the Commissioners for receipt of Excise and Customs, with the same salary as the other Commissioners. They recommend him to you for employment, and such encouragement as he shall deserve. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 254–5.]

Aug. 30. **57.** Petition of Husthwait Eresby, surgeon, to Council, for release. Was employed at sea during the war with Holland, and then travelled to improve his knowledge in his art, but going to his uncle at Caen, was taken by Bowden Garrison, of a Brest man-of-war with the Duke of York's commission, and transferred to [Capt. Thos.] Lawes, an Englishman, on a Brest man-of-war [with a like commission], to be put on shore in France, but they were taken by one of our men-of-war, brought to Poole, and he with the rest sent to the county gaol [in Salisbury], where he remains. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

57. I. *Certificate by Geo. Skutt, who took Lawes' vessel, to the truth of the above petition.* 20 *Aug.* 1655. [⅔ *page.*]

Aug. 30. Order thereon for Eresby's immediate release. [*I.* 76, *p.* 258.]

Aug. 30. **58.** Petition of the well-affected inhabitants of Jersey to the Protector. Our island has long been indulged with special privileges, on account of its situation and "obnoxiousness to a potent neighbour," and before the latter wars, we never forfeited them by any disaffection. In the beginning of the wars, though we had a Malignant governor, most of us adhered to Parliament till deserted by its forces, and then we lived under the yoke of the adverse party longer than any other place; we were forced to pay contributions, keep watches, and take engagements, yet many of us gave intelligence whereby Guernsey was preserved; and when forces landed to reduce the island, most of us joined them, the enemy having only Irish, Swiss, and a few islanders, who retired into the castles, and went beyond seas. After our reduction, the State continued forces amongst us, to which, though burdensome, we cheerfully submitted.

But a great calamity has befallen us, in that on 14 March 1654–5, you granted a patent, which was not published till 9 July, for the generality of us to compound before 29 Sept., whereby the island is in danger to incur confiscation. We are confident it was signed on misinformation, at least as concerns those that have no benefit of articles, as most of them can prove that they were well affected.

If the patent be executed, it will stick as a lasting infamy to us, and being so poor, we shall be utterly ruined.

We beg suspension of the patent till the case is re-examined, till you hear the informants and ourselves, and till we produce our evidences, and thousands of innocent men, women, and children will bless you. 7 signatures. With reference to Council, 21 Aug. 1655. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

58. I. *Patent alluded to, appointing Col. Rob. Gibbon, Mich. Lemprière, bailiff, and* 3 *others, to be Commissioners for*

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compounding with delinquents in Jersey; those who are therein included, on the articles made on surrender of Mont Orgueil or Elizabeth Castle, and the rest at 2 *years' value, and* $\frac{1}{10}$ *of personalty, except those not worth* 7*l. a year land, or* 100*l. personalty, who are to go free; all others not compounding before* 29 *Sept. to be sequestered.* 14 *March* 1654–5. [3 *pages.*]

Aug. 30. Reference thereon by Council to Wolsley, Sydenham, Montague, Lambert, Pickering, Strickland, and Jones, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 258.]

Aug. 30. **59.** Petition of Arundel, widow of John Penruddock, for her 7 children, to the Protector, that he would remit the forfeiture of the estate of her husband, whom she lost by justice, shutting his eyes to the offence, and opening his ear to the complaint of the widow and fatherless. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

Aug. 30. Note of the reading of the petition in Council. [*I.* 76, *p.* 258.]

Aug. 30. **60.** Petition of Amory, widow of Lieut-Col. John Clarke, to the Protector. At the beginning of the late wars, my husband raised a foot company at his own charge, and remained captain till the first expedition to Hispansiola, for which 1,200*l.* arrears are due to him. He went to Hispaniola as Lieut.-Colonel to Major-Gen. Haynes, was wounded, and died, leaving me with 7 children and no subsistence. I beg relief. With reference signed by the Protector, specially recommending the case to Council. 14 Aug. 1655. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 30. Order thereon in Council for payment from Lord Saville's fine of 200*l.* to her, and 300*l.* to be secured for the use of her children. [*I.* 76, *p.* 358.]

Aug. 30. **61.** Petition of Rich. Clarke, surveyor and keeper of the stores, and several poor workmen in the Armoury Office, Tower, to the Protector. We have served all these troublesome times, amidst many discouragements, one being that our salaries and disbursements have been withheld 6 years, so that some of us have been imprisoned, our goods seized for arrears of rent, and our children turned out of doors, and forced to receive alms. We have often addressed the powers that then were in vain; some of us have perished for want, and the remainder live only in hopes of these arrears. We beg payment of some part thereof. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 30. Reference thereon in Council to the Treasury Commissioners, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 259.]

Aug. 30. Note of petition, referred 31 March 1654 to the Committee for Petitions, of John Fisher, warder in the Tower, for his disbursements for Col. Dan. Bolton, prisoner. [*I.* 92, *No.* 24.]

Aug. 30. Order on a certificate from the Lieutenant of the Tower [*see* 19 *June, supra*]—that John Fisher, yeoman warder, provided for Col. Dan. Bolton, and that his charge therefor of 28*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, at 15*s.* a week, is reasonable,—to advise payment. [*I.* 67, *p.* 259.] *Annexing,*

62. I. *Certificate of Col. Barkstead alluded to, Tower,* 14 *Aug.* 1655. [1 *page.*]

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Aug. 30. **63.** Petition of Saml. Wilson and John Turner, merchants of London, to the Protector and Council, for an order to the Commissioners of Customs for transportation of a coach and furniture, to be consigned to Wm. Throckmorton, for the use of a native of the Canaries, whence they have, by constant trade therewith, brought much revenue to the customs and excise. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 30. Order thereon in Council granting them the license requested. [*I.* 76, *p.* 259.]

Aug. 30. **64.** Petition of Jas. Collelas, master of the Florizant of Dieppe, to the Protector. You wished to relieve me concerning the St. Anne of Dieppe, which was seized last December on her return from Cape Verd and Senegal, by the Dragon frigate, brought into Portsmouth, and condemned as prize; you recommended me to the Admiralty Commissioners, but I got no relief. I have now fitted the Florizant to trade from Dieppe to Cape de Verd, Senegal, and other French plantations in Africa, having no other calling for a subsistence, and fearing capture by your men-of-war, to my irreparable ruin. I beg a pass. With reference thereon to Council 28 Aug. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 30. Order in Council for the pass as requested. [*I.* 76, *p.* 259.]

Aug. 30. **65.** Petition of Step. Bourdet, master of the Hope of Rochelle, to Council, for a pass for his ship for a fishing voyage in Newfoundland, returning to Rochelle, thence to Newhaven in Normandy, to unlade, and back to Rochelle. He may be ruined if met by men-of-war of this State, on account of the unhappy difference between the nations. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 30. Order for a pass accordingly. [*I.* 76, *p.* 259.]

Aug. 30. **66.** Petition of [John] Viscount Grandison to the Protector, for a weekly allowance, to preserve him from heavy necessity. Has been 4 years prisoner in the Tower, and had no subsistence but from his mother, who, by her own sufferings, is disabled from granting it longer. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 30. Order thereon in Council to advise that the Earl of Kellie and Viscount Grandison have leave to go beyond seas, on engagement not to act against the peace; that 50*l.* each be given them to discharge their debts since their restraint in the Isle of Wight, and that the Governor of the island take their engagement. Approved 21 Sept. [*I.* 76, *p.* 259.]

Aug. 30. **67.** Petition of Thos. Smart, merchant of Dantzic, to Council. My sad case, for money owing for provisions delivered for the army in Ireland, was recommended to you by the Protector last January. You referred the case to the Treasury Commissioners, who have long since reported my debt as unpaid. The goods were acceptable in the army's great extremity, yet I am waiting a year far from home, for my money; I beg that I may have the whole or part, to preserve me from arrest for debt, and to bear my charges home. [1 *page.*]

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Aug. 30. Order, on report of the Treasury Commissioners on his petition,—that the corn, &c., was delivered at Londonderry in 1643 for the relief of the poor Protestants by Capt. Rob. Lawson, and belonged to the petitioner, who is a stranger and in distress,—for payment of 600*l.* forthwith on account, and he can apply to the next Parliament if he shall see cause. [*I.* 76, *p.* 260.]

Aug. 30. **68.** Petition of John Parker to Council. I petitioned his Highness in May 1654, and my petition was referred to you. I have attended daily for 15 months, and am nearly ruined. I beg consideration of my case. [½ *page; also I.* 92, *No.* 93.] *Annexing,*

68. I. *Petition of John Parker to the Protector. In Feb.* 1652–3, *I purchased of the Trustees and contractors the White House and gardens in Greenwich Park for* 5,778*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.*, *but the inhabitants of the neighbouring parishes petitioned the Committee for Obstructions, claiming* 60 *acres, now part of the park, which, at the building of the wall, was taken out of their common of Blackheath; also several footpaths through the wall, and liberty to walk in the park. Before the case, being left to common law, was settled, the time for payment of my first moiety elapsed, but by selling Greenwich Castle for* 350*l.*, *and some trees for* 250*l.*, *I paid in* 1,700*l.*, *and disbursed in expenses and repairs* 250*l.*

My purchase having now been re-assumed, and all proceedings on the Act for sale of excepted Castles and Parks suspended, I beg repayment of my money with interest, on giving in my accounts. With reference thereon to Council, 22 *May* 1654. [1 *sheet.*]

Aug. 30. Reference thereon to the Trustees for sale of Crown lands, to certify what forfeiture there was, what purchase money was paid in, and what the petitioner received by sale of materials, &c. [*I.* 76, *p.* 260.]

Aug. 30. **69.** Petition of Thos. Duckett, gent., to the Protector and Council. On his Highness's reference of my petitions and proposals to counsel, with directions that I should have encouragement and dispatch, the Attorney-General reported on my proposals for improvement of land, and converting raw hides into leather with new liquor and ingredients, with or without oak bark, making the leather more substantial, and better in form and colour and wearing. His Highness has referred it to you to consider the value of my inventions, which have been privately demonstrated to him at Whitehall.

I can show many skins perfected in this way, with a certificate of 100 master tanners and other traders in and near Middlesex, who highly approve the invention, the ingredients for which are wanting in hotter climes.

I beg leave to show you in the Council chamber my proposals, &c., and my experiments for leather, that you may report thereon to the Protector, and that 2 patents for 14 years may be granted me, one for improvement of land, and the other of leather, the private interest of those concerned in oak bark, &c., notwithstanding, on account of the general benefit of my discoveries. [⅔ *sheet.*]

Aug. 30. Reference thereon in Council to Jones, Lambert, Sydenham, Wolsley, and Pickering, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 262.]

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3. To advise his Highness to send for and speak with Jeff. Palmer, and allow him his liberty on such engagement as his Highness shall think fit.

7. The salary of Col. Scrope, as one of the Council of Scotland, to begin from 1 May last, he having attended in town on that service.

10. The petition of Wm. Kendall, Robert and Wm. Drinkwater, James Wainwright, and Rich. Chandler, citizens of London, referred to Sydenham, Montague, and Strickland, to report.

17. Order,—on report from the Committee to whom the several petitions of the town of Colchester are referred, and on the advice given the Committee by the Treasury Commissioners;—that a letter be written to the town. *Annexing,*

70. I. *Report of the Treasury Commissioners to the Committee of Council on the Colchester petitions; that after consulting the charter, they think it still in force, though not in the custody of the town, and that his Highness cannot therefore legally constitute the magistracy, but he might write to the town to elect their officers, and submit them to him within* 4 *days.* 30 *Aug.* 1655. [⅔ *pages.*]

18. Order on a letter from Col. Hugh Bethel, on Council's Order of May 25 last,—that on view of the works and repairs lately made by Maj. Rich. Elton in Hull, and on receipt of the bill of expense, and workmen's wages, he finds the repairs to have been necessary and the expense just;—to advise payment of 87*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.* to Elton from the Army contingent money.

20. To advise a warrant to the Treasurers-at-war to issue, for pay of the army and incident charges, the balance of the 4,000*l.* ordered for the reduced forces, part of that money for those forces having been paid from other moneys appointed for the army.

21. The letter from Col. Guibon, Governor of Jersey, of Aug. 9, concerning pay of the reduced forces there, referred to Commissary-Gen. Whalley and the Committee of officers for reducements, to report.

22. The rules prepared for regulation of printing, presented by Thurloe, referred to Jones, Lambert, Sydenham, Wolsley, and Pickering, to report; Thurloe to assist therein.

24. The desires of Commissary-Gen. Whalley and Col. Goffe, to pass their accounts for 1200*l.*, received from Council's contingencies for disbanding horse recruits, there being a balance of 4*l.* 1*s.* in Goffe's hands, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to audit the accounts and certify, that they may be discharged.

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25. The petition of Rob. Little, John Fry, John Ansteed, and Geo. Andrews, for themselves and 100 poor labourers of Scotland Yard, and elsewhere, referred to Sydenham, Wolsley, and Jones, to report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 258–262.]

Aug. 30.
Gray's Inn.

71. Jer. Bankes to Williamson. Sir Knockerdown Cuntroler writes me of minds changing like the wind. I hope your entertainment on the founder's day was very noble. I wish we had you in London this Bartholomew's tide. I meet Queen's College men daily, but few of my cronies. Jack Sheppard, your officer, is to be married soon. Send me college news. [1 *page.*]

Aug. 31.

Pres. Lawrence to [Gen. Monk]. Council, noting the condition of affairs, have thought it needful that as many more of the forces of Scotland (beside those reduced the last establishment), should be reduced as will take off the charge of 3,500*l.* a month, and wish you to consider how it can be done with most safety, and to give them a speedy account thereof. [*I.* 76, *p.* 262.]

Aug. 31.
Whitehall.

The Protector to the Mayor and commonalty of Colchester. Several petitions from your town touching its government are now depending before Council, which cannot be suddenly determined; but as Monday next is the time appointed by your charter for electing your magistrates, we wish you to proceed to the election as usual, having respect to the peace and good government of the town, and within 4 days after the election, you are to present the names of the persons elected to be approved by us before they are sworn, which, by the tenor of your charter, was not to be done till Michaelmas. [*I.* 76, *p.* 262.]

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72. Remonstrance of Rich. Nonnelly to the Army Committee. While your servant, it was part of my work to receive warrants and debentures from your registrars, take them to the residences of the members of the committee, receive their subscriptions, and then deliver them back to the registrars. Not being able to read or write, I neither knew the names nor sums mentioned in the said warrants and debentures, nor had I the delivering of them to any but the registrars and their clerks, who afterwards delivered them to such as demanded or pretended a title to them, and if they were delivered otherwise, it was no act of mine.

It appears by the registrars' books that the registrars registered and gave forth two debentures in the name of Capt. Puckle, for one and the same sum, without making any memorandum on the second debenture that a former one had been delivered, and the second passed upon purchase before the former, which I bought for Lord Howard, a year before the second was issued.

By the directions and intreaty of his lordship, I bought many debentures, and amongst others that of Capt. Puckle, and of Jno. Puckle, at 4*s.* 3*d.* the pound, and they went to Mr. Bourne, a scrivener, whose man, Thos. Applegarth, made an assignment of the debenture to Moses Perkins, a person entrusted by Lord Howard, who subscribed his name as witness; the money was paid to Puckle by one Dawson, on behalf of Lord Howard, at the Bell Tavern in King Street, Westminster, and the debenture with the assignment endorsed was delivered by me to his lordship.

If Puckle or any other, under pretence of title to such debenture, contracted with me for the same, the State was not wronged, but I am damnified many hundred pounds, being forced to pay Lord Howard his money back again, besides having to spend much money in suits at law, and losing my place and credit, for no just cause or wrong done on my part, and therefore I know no cause for unjustly charging me with fraud. If I were deceived by contracting with Puckle, who pretended a right to the debenture through Capt. Puckle, the registrars were to blame for delivering the debenture to such pretenders, and not to the right owner, and for issuing a second and not calling in the first, nor making any memorandum on the second. This was the only cause of all the fraud, if any, and the reason why I was damnified; as the State was not defrauded by me nor damnified one penny, there is no reason why I should suffer for the said registrars' negligence. Mr. Snow confessed in Court that the debenture was good, but afterwards said it was not good, because another had passed before it on purchase. [1¼ *pages.*]

Aug. ? **73.** Petition of Charles, son and heir, and executor of Sir John Heydon, to the Protector. In 1632, the owners of Roche and Selwood Forests, cos. Somerset and Wilts, petitioned for their disafforesting, offering the King ⅓, the commoners ⅓, and reserving ⅓ to themselves. A commission was issued accordingly, and the King's deer withdrawn. On 10 June 1634, the King sold his ⅓ to Sir John Heydon for 20,000*l.*, of which 19,713*l.* 10*s.* 0½*d.* was paid, and he was at the expense of 4,322*l.* 12s. 7*d.* in passing grants and patents, employing surveyors, &c. Thereupon several gentlemen bought parcels of the forest near their estates, but they reserve part of the purchase money till they can have perfect assurance of the premises. My father died 2 years ago, with 5,000*l.* or 6,000*l.* due to him by the late King, as lieutenant of ordnance.

I beg a patent confirming the grant of ⅓ of the said forests, that I may pay my father's debts, and maintain his younger children and my mother. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

73. I. *Letter of Privy Seal from Charles I. to the Exchequer officers, certifying the purchase by Sir J. Heydon, the payment of* 16,349*l.* 16*s.* 0½*d. of the* 20,000*l. purchase money, and ordering a full discharge on payment of the balance; also requiring assurances to be made of any part of the lands which he may sell to pay in the said balance, and granting him the profits of wood and wood sales on the land. Westminster*, 10 *July* 1634. [2⅓ *pages. Copy.*]

73. II. *Constats of payment into the Exchequer*, 1635 *to* 1640, *of* 3,364*l. of the said balance. Signed by Sir Wm. Roberts, auditor.* 23 *Aug.* 1655. [3 *pages.*]

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August. Lease from Arthur Ruddle to John Brampton, both of London, of a shop, 11 feet broad, in Fleet Street, on the south side, and west of the gate entering into Hanging Sword Court, for 3¾ years, at 20*l.* a year. [*Parchment signed. Interregnum, Box* 2, *No.* 9.]

Aug. ? **74.** E. F. to Williamson. You seem in yours to doubt whether you will fight under the banner of Minerva or Mars, but be Ulysses rather than Hector or Achilles. Classical examples of the power of eloquence, ending,—

Contendisse semel cum Pallade fertur Arachnen—
Ovidio fides si qua adhibenda foret—
Quam pro stultitiâ Pallas vertebat Arachnen
In tipulam ; nullus Pallade sit melior,
Ac Deus haud ullus ; nam quis fuit ille Deorum
Arti qui præstat Palladis ægisonæ.

[*Latin*, 1⅓ *pages.*]

Sept. 1. Queen's College. **75.** T. Lamplugh to Jos. Williamson, at the 3 Pigeon's, Gray's Inn Lane. My prayers and good wishes go with you. May you meet with better friends than I do. Have a care of religion, and bring home as much knowledge as you can. 'Tis Friday, and I must think of something against Sunday, though my thoughts are much scattered. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 3. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. **76.** Order agreeing with a report read of the Admiralty Commissioners,—that on notice of the arrival of Gen. Penn with 19 ships in Stokes' Bay, they directed them to come up the river, the great ones to Chatham, the rest to Woolwich and Deptford ; and that the 12 months' wages of the ships' companies will amount to 40,000*l.*, which they request may be speedily paid to the Navy Treasurer.

2. To advise his Highness to order payment into the Navy Treasury of 30,000*l.*

3. The Treasury Commissioners to pay for the navy all the moneys that come in this week.

8. The Admiralty Judges to report to Council the facts and proceedings about the Frog of Zealand.

9. The Commissioners appointed to speak with the Ambassador from the States General to return him an answer according to the sense of the present debate.

10. Wolsley, Lambert, Sydenham, Fiennes, Strickland, and Desborow to consider the matter of the merchants of the Intercourse, and report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 263–4]

Sept. 3. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Gen. Wm. Penn. Council having notice of your arrival, judge your presence here necessary, that they may receive information from you in order to the further disposal of the ships and forces in the West Indies. You are therefore to repair hither, committing the conduct of the fleet up the river to some of the commanders, and giving strict orders to the officers to take care that there be no embezzlement of the stores. [*I.* 76, *p.* 263.]

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Sept. 3. Whitehall. Council to the High Sheriff of co. Bedford. His Highness observes that the proclamation for executing the laws against priests and Jesuits, and convicting recusants, fails of effect, because there was not the requisite formality in the certificates directed. It is his pleasure that the certificates of the justices of peace throughout England and Wales be after the form now sent. [*See* 16 *Aug.*, *supra.*]

You are to advertise the justices in your county, by sending them the printed forms, and those already returned are to be made anew accordingly. At the next general sessions in your county, the clerk of the peace is to enter the said form of certificate, and these letters are to remain on record. His Highness will expect ready obedience, and a due account, as the nature of the service requires.

With list of 70 counties and towns to which like letters were sent. [*I.* 76*A*, *pp.* 130–1 ; *I.* 76, *p.* 264.]

Sept. 3. Chatham. **77.** E. Hayward to Rob. Blackborne. I understand from Mr. Jessop that Council — on a motion of Gen. Desborow — have referred to the Admiralty Commissioners my request for leave to dispose of my books amongst my navy friends. I beg your furtherance in obtaining their sanction to impart what was intended for the public good. I must confess that, although my pains and care in the work were great, they were met with such little encouragement that I have no desire to come any more in print. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 4. **78.** Petition of John Lord, gunner in the Tower to the late King, to Council. Considering my distress for want of my arrears, the late Council of State ordered me to be paid, amongst others whose accounts you referred to a Committee, but nothing is done for my relief, so that my aged wife and family are much distressed. I beg payment. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

78. I. *Certificate of his service with* 11 *others as gunners in the Tower, by Miles Corbet and* 6 *others,* 5 *and* 8 *June* 1648. [1 *page.*]

78. II. *Certificate in his favour by Fras. Frewen and* 5 *others,* 24 *April* 1649. [⅔ *page.*]

78. III. *Certificate by Sir Rob. Pye that* 112*l.* 10*s.* 10*d. is due to him, and by Capt. Thos. Fauconberg that only* 30*l.* 8*s.* 4*d. has been paid.* 28 *June and* 1 *July* 1650. [¾ *page.*]

78. IV. *Certificate by Hen. Coles and* 5 *others of St. Andrew's Wardrobe, London, to his good conduct for* 24 *years in the parish.* 26 *June* 1655. [¾ *page.*]

Sept. 4. Reference of this petition and the state of the gunners' case to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 265.]

Sept. 4. **79.** Petition of Rich. Pitt, founder of brass ordnance, to the Protector. Has been instructed in the art from infancy, served the State at hazard of his health, and performed several pieces of workmanship, but has been lately discouraged by a reduction of 13*s.* 4*d.* per ton in the guns made for the Naseby. Has no salary as his father had, nor work enough to keep up the foundry erected by his father and grandfather for service of the State. Begs help, or he must demolish his furnace, and convert his workhouses to other purposes. The working of 10 or 12 tons of metal a year would encourage him. With reference thereon, 26 July 1655, to Council. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 4. **80.** Reference thereon by Council to the Admiralty Commissioners. [½ *page; also I.* 76, *p.* 265.]

Sept. 4. **81.** Petition of Chas. Fleetwood, Lord Deputy of Ireland, to the Protector. Sir Ralph Hopton had a life estate in Wyssett, Heydon, and Hastings manors, cos. Norfolk and Suffolk, of which I had the reversion by entail and Act of Parliament. His estates being on sale at Drury House, I ordered a solicitor to contract for them at 7 years' purchase; but he contracted for 3,836*l.* 12*s.* 0½*d.*, which amounts to 11 years' purchase, and paid the half. I appealed to the late Parliament, who on 10 Oct. 1653, ordered that nothing should be done as to the second half till further order, but my estate is still liable. The first ½ is the full value of the purchase, as Sir Ralph was then 60 years old and very infirm, and died at the time of payment of the second ½. I beg a discharge, as there are precedents of that nature at Drury House. With reference to Council, 24 Aug. 1655. [1 *sheet.*]

Sept. 4. Reference thereon by Council to Desborow, Pickering, Wolsley, Sydenham, and Lambert to certify. [*I.* 76, *p.* 265.]

Sept. 4. **82.** Petition of Elizabeth, wife of Col. Wm. Borthwick, to Council, for a pass for her husband to Scotland, for dispatch of affairs wherein the welfare of the family is much concerned. Being prisoner of war taken at Worcester, he gave bond on his enlargement to go beyond seas and not return without leave, but has business in Scotland relating to his estates, which cannot be dispatched without him. [⅔ *page.*]

Sept. 4. Reference thereon to the Council in Scotland, to grant the pass if they think fit. [*I.* 76, *p.* 266.]

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2. 3,000 copies of the certificates to be made by the justices of peace for conviction of recusants to be printed for the public service.

3. The order of 17 Aug. last, for payment of 4,242*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* for the forces in London, not having included 550*l.* 6*s.* for the forces in the Tower, that sum is to be added thereto, making it 4,793*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*

6. **83.** The Admiralty Commissioners to send a ship or frigate to France, with directions to the captain to take aboard at Dieppe the ambassador extraordinary from Venice, and bring him over to England.

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10. The petition of the inhabitants of the parish of Martins-in-the-Fields referred to Lambert, Fiennes, Sydenham, Lisle, Pickering, and Montague, to send for witnesses and report. Mr. Secretary to assist.

13. **83***a***.** The Admiralty Commissioners to issue a warrant to the Navy Treasurer to pay 306*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* to Rich. Bass, merchant, for value received at Hamburg of David Hechstetter, merchant, for disbursements about the Elizabeth, on a bill of exchange from Rich. Bradshaw to Sec. Thurloe.

14. Order on report from Whalley and Goffe, on Council's reference of a letter from Col. Guibon, Governor of Jersey, concerning pay to the reduced forces there, that—since the Governor only got his Highness's order for reducement on August 6, 14 days after the time appointed for reducing; and as, by comparing with the present establishment an abstract of the last muster of June 25, there were reduced so many officers and soldiers as that the said 14 days' pay amounts to, viz., 93*l.* 2*s.*—the Army Committee order the War Treasurers to pay it to Capt. Rich. Yardley, authorised by Guibon to receive it. Approved 20 Sept.

16. Order—on report from the Committee on the petition of the several companies of the City of London, for renewing letters Patent for Londonderry, Coleraine, and divers lands in Ireland, according to a former grant of Aug. 29, 1654—to advise that the Attorney-General prepare a new grant according to the said order, to contain the same privileges, and no others; and the clause concerning Customs to be so explained that they may not be lessened. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 265–8.]

Sept. 4. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Col. Rob. Fenwick, Henry Ogle, Wm. Johnson, Mayor of Newcastle, and Capt. Thos. Lilburne. Council understanding that a quantity of arms remains at Raby Castle, the house of the late Sir Henry Vane, desires you to repair thither, to speak with his son Sir Henry, view the arms, and see what proportion of them belongs to the State, and remove these to Tynemouth Castle. Also to contract with Sir Henry Vane, junior, for sale of those belonging to him, and report to us the price agreed, that we may order payment, and that they may be removed to Tynemouth Castle. [*I.* 76, *p.* 267.]

Sept. $\frac{4}{14}$. Cologne. **84.** Sec. Nicholas to Jos. Jane. I am expecting my wife here, if she can bear the journey from Utrecht. O'Neale says that Heenviet reports from the Hague that the fleet appointed for the Baltic, under Opdam, is ready, and he taking leave of his friends, but I do not believe the Dutch men-of-war will be permitted to pass the Sound.

I hear that there has long been a good understanding between the King of Sweden and Cromwell, and that they have agreed in the invasion of the West Indies, Poland, and other designs, no doubt with a resolution to exclude the King, our master, and all his family. These two will fill Europe with troubles unless prevented.

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Cromwell is exceeding intimate with the Swedish ambassador, a person of great estimation; they dine, sup, hunt, and play at bowls together. Cromwell never caressed any man so much, nor sought the friendship of any so much as the King of Sweden. Some say France will join these two, but I doubt it, for they will make themselves protectors of the reformed Churches in Germany, France, &c. or at least procure from all a kind of dependence on these godly reformers. Ask M. Somerdike what he thinks about it. I believe one part of the design is to make Sweden master of the Baltic; and that therein or otherwise it may prove as ruinous to the States as to any others.

I hear that Cromwell, finding himself become every day more odious to all sorts of people in England, is contriving how to get a Swiss guard, and uses for this the money collected for the relief of the poor Protestants; enquire privately of the truth of this, but do not name it as discovered by us that have so near relation to His Majesty.

Heenviet and his lady take it unkindly that I declined to execute the commission for her levying a fine, but I take it ill that any offer me a commission by a power derived from the rebels. It may be a sly trick of my old friend Sir C. H. to try what I would do.

The Duke of Vendome is gone to sea with his fleet from Toulon. I wish he and Blake might meet, to see who would strike to each other. I hear from France that on 12 Aug, Blake being at Cadiz, the Spaniards sent 30 men-of-war and some fire-ships to surround him, but he saw them coming, weighed anchor, and stood to sea.

Cromwell's envoy to Moscow was ill received, and not permitted to return by land. The Swede is full of wants, and the Pole in much better condition than was reported, and will make strong opposition.

The Princess Royal is not well, and is under a course of physic. It is happy for her that Dr. Fraser is her physician, or she might have been very ill indeed. She will not stir hence these 2 months I believe. [2¾ *pages.*]

Sept. $\frac{4}{14}$. **85.** Intelligence sent to Charles II. Cromwell has been 3 months treating with the Swiss to raise him a body guard of 3,000, because he cannot trust his own army, as they are generally averse to what he desires, and he would depend upon these as the Turk upon his janizaries. For this purpose a Swiss colonel has been some time with him, but has lately come over to this side the sea.

To conceal the design, many Swiss families have been brought over and sent to London, and more are coming daily. To compas this, all the money collected for relief of the Protestants in Savoy, and much more, is sent over to Switzerland, to be employed in that service; if he bring it to pass, he can order the City of London as he pleases, and not fear his army.

With note [by Sir Edw. Hyde] that the King wishes this sent to Sir Marm. Langdale, that he may send it to his correspondents to make good use of it, and note [by Sec. Nicholas] that he has sent it to Langdale. [1 *page.*]

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1655 Sept. 5. Whitehall. **86.** Petition of Richard Swayne, butcher of Shrewsbury, to the Protector. A parcel of his ground, value 4*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* a year, has been for 11 years and still is employed for fortifications under Shrewsbury Castle, and he has had no rent except 20*l.*, 2 years since. Has been 4 years a prisoner for debt, and has only these arrears to pay the debt, and maintain his wife and 7 children. Begs payment of arrears, and settlement of the rent in future, or purchase of the land, which cost 90*l.*, and 30*l.* is due for rent. With reference thereon, 26 July 1655, to Council. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

86. I. *Certificate by John Cooke, Mayor of Shrewsbury, and* 4 *others, to the truth of the petition,* 4 *June* 1655. *Also like certificate from Col. H. Mackworth, Governor of the Castle.* [1 *page.*]

Sept. 5. **87.** Order thereon in Council for payment to Richard or Anne Swayne of 20*l.*, in full of all claims for rent till Michaelmas next. [*Copy,* 1 *page. Also I.* 76, *p.* 269.]

Sept. 5. **88.** Petition of Sam. Vassall, merchant of London, to the Protector, for a speedy hearing of the report on his case made by the Treasury Commissioners, or he will be ruined for want of his own money. "The like case hath not yet been done to any that have laid out themselves so far beyond their means for the good of this Commonwealth." With reference thereon to Council, 9 Aug. 1655. [1 *page. See* 6 *April* 1654, *and* 26 *June and* 11 *Oct.* 1655.]

Sept. 5. Note of the reading in Council of the said petition and report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 269.]

Sept. 5. **89.** Petition of Abigail, widow of Wm. Flesher, fishmonger of London, for her 5 small children, to the Protector. In 1641–43, my husband lent 277*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.* in money, plate, and horses, on the public faith, and 500*l.* on the propositions for reducing the rebellion in Ireland, and lost his life in the service at Gloucester, whereby I am brought very low, having lost much by the rebellion in Ireland, and the divisions in England and the Sommer Islands. Also the Grocers' Hall Committee has settled the whole 500*l.* on my husband's heir, without considering me and the other children, and the land is like to be forfeit, as I cannot stock it, and the heir is not of age.

I beg some place of employment in your royal family for my present husband, or some present relief, as others in like case have had. Noted "Mr. Carill, minister, spake to his Highness." [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

89. I. *Account of Wm. Flesher's disbursements for the State, total,* 273*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* [1 *page.*]

Sept. 5. **90.** Petition of Elizabeth, widow of Capt. Thos. Crant, [of Cavan, Ireland], to the Protector. My husband, at the beginning of the war, served under the Earl of Essex, was wounded at

Edgehill, and lost his life under Sir Wm. Brereton, at Rowton battle, and 500*l.* and 281*l.* are due to him for his services. After waiting 6 years for the money, I obtained an order from the House for the stating thereof by the Army Committee, but have waited 1½ years, and no report was made to the House. My son and brother, who had arrears due to them, could have helped me, but they were both slain in Ireland, whence I and my 3 children were expelled, losing an estate of 4,000*l.* I beg an order for payment. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

90. I. *Certificate by Lieut. Jos. Cockayne to Crant's services in Col. Edwin Sandys' regiment in* 1642 *and* 1643. 6 *Nov.* 1646. [1 *page.*]

90. II. *Certificate by the Commissioners of Accounts for co. Chester, that* 281*l.* 4*s.* 0*d. is due to Crant.* 8 *Dec.* 1646. [1 *sheet.*]

90. III. *Order in Parliament for the stating his accounts, and for payment of* 20*s. a week to his widow for* 6 *months.* 21 *Nov.* 1651. [1 *page. Com. Journals,* vii. 41.]

90. IV. *Certificate by Sir Wm. Brereton to Crant's services in* 1644 *and* 1645. 23 *Jan.* 1651–2. [⅔ *page.*]

90. V. *Certificate by Thos. Waring that it appears by examinations taken, that the Irish rebels robbed Crant and his wife of goods and estate to the loss of* 3,136*l.*; *imprisoned them* 12 *months, and forced them to fly for their lives, and that he has thousands of such examinations in his custody, having been clerk of a committee thereon. Gray's Inn,* 8 *Sept.* 1652. [⅔ *page.*]

Sept. 5. Reference in Council on the petitions to the Protector, delivered in by Sec. Thurloe, of Abigail, widow of Wm. Flesher, fishmonger of London, for herself and 5 small children, and of Eliz. Crant, to Pickering, Jones, Wolsley, and Montague, to speak with his Highness thereon, inquire the facts, and report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 273.]

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1. The draft of orders touching the regulating of printing, entitled "Order of his Highness and Council for speedily executing the orders against printing unlicensed and scandalous books, and for further regulating printing," read, amended, and the names of John Barkstead, Esq., Lieutenant of the Tower, John Dethick, Alderman of London, and Geo. Foxcroft, merchant of London, inserted, and agreed to. Approved Oct. 9.

2. The War Treasurers to deliver in an estimate of what will be wanted for the pay of the forces and incident charges in Scotland, to 23 July last, above the money assigned therefor 24 June last.

8. The ordinary pay of the Major-General in Ireland to be 3*l.* a day, and in the absence of the Lord Deputy, 6*l.* a day. Approved 21 Sept.

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9. No one to presume to publish in print any matter of public news without leave from the Secretary of State. Approved 21 Sept.

10. Thos. Simons, graver of the Mint, to prepare 4 seals according to drafts submitted, for letters for foreign princes and states, and for the Councils of England, of Scotland, and of Ireland, leaving out of the Council seals 3 the motto *Pax quœritur bello.*

13. A report from the Committee on the Earl of Hartfell's petition, concerning the fine imposed on him by the Ordinance of Pardon, read. The question whether the 500*l.* to which his fine was reduced should be remitted, negatived. Approved, 21 Sept.

14. Order on report from the Committee on the petition of James, Earl of Home, James, Earl of Hartfell, and Sir Rob. Douglas, for themselves and other nobles and gentlemen of Scotland, praying that the power granted by his Highness for relief of debtors in Scotland, in cases of extremity, may be renewed—that the Committee find that the Ordinance expired last May 12, and that the debtors are thus left to the full rigour of the law, which will be destructive to them, for Gen. Monck reports that its severity has driven more people to quit their homes and join the enemy among the hills for protection, than has disaffection to the Government, or any other ground — to advise his Highness to allow some mitigation, and that the Council in Scotland be written to, to carry on justice there according to the laws of England, as the judges and officers in the Court of Judicature are instructed; and meanwhile, if debtors shall apply, to endeavour for their relief by bringing the creditors to accept satisfaction according to the Ordinance for relief of debtors, or otherwise, as the case shall require; and if they find that course ineffectual, to report full particulars of the case to Council. Approved by his Highness, Sept. 27, and a letter written by Pres. Lawrence accordingly, Sept. 25. [*I.* 76, *p.* 303.]

15. Order on report in the case of Armiger Warner—stating that his ship, the Diana, was impressed in April 1653 for carrying Irish from Connaught to Spain [*see* 26 *June* 1654], had a new master and mariners placed in her against his will, took 750 Irish to Camerena in Spain, but was not allowed to land them as promised, within 48 hours; on this account, and also because only 15 instead of 30 days' victuals were put on the ship, all the ship's victuals were expended in 28 days, and then the men mutinied and ran the ship ashore, selling the goods, &c., to the loss of 1,600*l.*, besides 100*l.* spent for livelihood of the wrecked mariners—that of all discoveries of concealed lands and goods made by Warner, he shall receive ½, till paid the 1,600*l.*, and this to be in lieu of all demands. The Treasury Commissioners to prosecute the discoveries. Approved 21 Sept.

16. The petition of John Baptista Stoupe, French Minister, referred to Lisle and Pickering, to consider how best he may be satisfied for the service mentioned, and report.

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20. A letter from the mayor and magistrates of Boston, co. Lincoln, enclosing articles and examinations concerning words spoken by Jos. Whiting, of Boston, referred to Whalley, and Cols. Goffe, Barkstead, and Berry, to consider the articles, and report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 269–273.]

Sept. 5. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to the Army Committee. The regiments of his Highness and the Lord Deputy of Ireland being ordered to march for Scotland in October, Council desires you so to assign the present warrants that the money due thereupon may be speedily received, and also to assign them warrants for another month's pay as conveniently as you can, that their march be not impeded; and as a warrant for 438*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* for his Highness' regiment is assigned on co. Berks, and cannot be collected without a re-assessment, you are to collect it elsewhere. [*I.* 76, *p.* 270.]

Sept. 5. Dover. **91.** Mayor and jurats of Dover to Thos. Kelsey, Lieutenant of Dover Castle, Somerset House, Strand. Some sick and wounded seamen—belonging to the Adviser, taken by the St. George, and carried to Boulogne, in which engagement the captain and master were slain, and several others wounded—have arrived here, and been attended to by the surgeons, though those appointed for that service are at Deal, and none here, which has discouraged our surgeons. They have, however, been forward in helping the Deal surgeon, who has been here. We want their charges defrayed. An English vessel has lately been taken off the South Foreland by men-of-war, with 22 pieces of ordnance. We beg an order for some frigates to ply about to protect the English ships, as there is a man-of-war of 22 guns, and 3 others at Boulogne, ready to put to sea, which will do much mischief, both to fishing and other vessels. [⅔ *page.*] *Enclosing,*

91. I. II. *Certificate of Capt. Teige Sullivan, captain of the St. George, that by virtue of a commission of King Charles II., he took the Adviser pink as a prize at sea, she being in the service of the rebels of England.* $\frac{1}{11}$ *Sept.* 1655. [¼ *page;* 2 *copies.*]

Sept. 6. **92.** Petition of Edw. Dendy, jun., to the Protector. I have attended as serjeant-at-arms 5 years, with little benefit beside my salary, as prisoners of quality are sent to the Tower, and those committed to me are either maintained by Council, or are unable to pay fees, so that in 2½ years I have not received above 80*l.* from prisoners. I have to give constant attendance, and therefore to maintain a wife and 8 children in town, and can lay up little of my salary of 365*l.* I beg, therefore, to be continued serjeant-at-arms to the present Commissioners for the Revenue, as I was to the late Revenue Committee. Also to have my arrears for service to that Committee, at 4*s.* 4*d.* a day, which, had it continued till next Michaelmas, would have been 138*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.* With reference thereon to Council, 14 May 1655. [1½ *page.*]

Sept. 6. Whitehall. **93.** Reference thereon by Council to Montague, Sydenham, Desborow, and Fiennes. [½ *page; also I.* 76, *p.* 276.]

Sept. 6. **94.** Petition of John Smith, minister of Barthomley, co. Chester, to the Protector. Having been a captain for the Parliamentary army, and now being in Cavaliers' places, they have combined against me, entered my house, assaulted and struck me, and divers desperate Cavaliers have made a great purse and feasted 5 or 6 committeemen, and got them to take private examinations for 30 years past, taking for witnesses some of my abusers, some of whom have been felons. I beg you will not suffer the law of nature, nations, and grace, in defence of life and liberty, to be destroyed, but let matters of controversy be tried by law. Also that unbiassed gentlemen in the Commission may take public examinations, and I receive satisfaction for my sufferings. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

> **94.** I. *Certificate that he is orthodox, of unblameable life, and did good service as captain of the horse during the late wars, by the following ministers:—Thos. Johnson of Stockport; Thos. Jeynson of Prestbury; John Buereton of Winslow; and Nich. Stephenson of Alderley.* [*Scrap, copy.*]

Sept. 6. **95.** Petition of the inhabitants of Barthomley parish, co. Chester, to the Protector. John Smith, minister of Bowden, was expelled thence 12 years ago for grand offences by Sir Geo. Booth; thence he went to Congleton, but left without giving notice, being invited to better preferment at Audley, his native place. Then he unduly obtained an order for Barthomley, without any call of the people, and has since continued there, to the saddening of many. His many crimes, exhibited in articles by John Steel, and others not therein contained, render him unqualified. He is covetous, exacting treble damages for any failure to pay tithes, lying, envious, and malicious, and vilifies other ministers. He deserted the public cause at Worcester, though he was the engaged chaplain of Col. Croxton's regiment, and only 6 families out of 200 attend his ministry, for which he cares not, so long as he enjoys good tithes.

The parish is united and well affected, and they beg leave to prove the articles of accusation. With 147 signatures, 73 being by mark. [1 *sheet.*]

Sept. 6. Order in Council—on consideration of a letter of 6 Aug. last from the Commissioners for ejection of scandalous Ministers, in co. Chester, purporting that they have examined articles against John Smith, touching offences, some of which are proved to be before the Act of Oblivion, and asking directions before they proceed to judgment—for the following letter. [*I.* 76, *p.* 276.]

Sept. 6. Whitehall. President Lawrence to Sir Wm. Brereton, Bart., Rob. Duckenfield, Thos. Mainwaring, and the other Commissioners for ejecting scandalous, ignorant, and insufficient Ministers and Schoolmasters in co. Chester. Council on considering your letter, and several petitions of the inhabitants of Barthomley and of John Smith, wishes you fully to examine the articles against him, and decide according to justice and the Ordinance, as the Act of Oblivion is not at all concerned therein. Let there be a general meeting of the Commissioners summoned for hearing the case. [*I.* 76, *p.* 277.]

Sept. 6. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. The petition of John Manley referred to Jones, Mulgrave, Lambert, and Montague, to report.

2. Fiennes, Jones, Mulgrave, Lambert, and Sydenham to advise with counsel and others concerning the addition of more names to the Committee nominated in the Ordinance for ejecting scandalous Ministers, and Schoolmasters, and to report.

7. Sydenham, Montague, and Pickering to speak this afternoon with Lord Nieuport concerning how the infection of the plague, which is scattered over parts of the Netherlands, may best be prevented from coming to England, and particularly as to what order should be given to the men and ships coming from thence. The same Committee to learn from the Lord Mayor what he can tell on the subject, and report. Thurloe to assist.

8. Order, on a certificate from the War Treasurers according to Council's Ordinance of the 5th inst.,—that as, by accounts given in by Geo. Bilton, it appears that above all the money assigned for Scotland, 86,576*l.* 16*s.* 11*d.* is required to pay the forces and incident charges there to June 24 last; also, that a month's pay from June 24 to July 23, will be 40,000*l.*, bringing the amount due to 126,576*l.* 16*s.* 11*d.*, towards which 30,000*l.* was charged on the Exchequer and sent to Scotland;—that the difference, viz., 96,576*l.* 16*s.* 11*d.*, be charged on ⅔ of Excise money in Scotland, which is to be paid to the War Treasurers therefor. Approved 26 Sept.

9. The Treasury Commissioners to advise with the Army Committee how the above may be carried out consistently with the rules by which the said Committee acts, and to report.

10. The Treasury Commissioners to consider how the Scotch Exchequer may be managed conformably with that in England, and how a correspondence between the receipts may be maintained, so that the English Exchequer may keep a check upon the Scotch, and yet not prevent the revenue officers there from issuing such moneys as they are empowered to pay, without special direction, for service in Scotland, and to report.

11. The report on Lady Frances Fairfax's petition to be considered to-morrow. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 274–276.]

Sept. 6. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Tobias Garbrand, M.D., Thos. Appletree, John Carey of Dichley, and the other Commissioners for ejecting scandalous Ministers, co. Oxford. Council understands that because there has been some mistake about the name of John Ovey of Watlington, which was spelt Vue, and because John Hunt's name was left out, some question is raised whether they should act. We therefore inform you that they are expected to attend and execute the

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functions of Commissioners for carrying on the reformation so much desired by the people of this nation. [*I.* 76, *p.* 274.]

Sept. 6. Whitehall. Pres. Lawrence to Col. Fras. Hacker, Wm. Sheild, Wm. Stanley, and the other like Commissioners in co. Leicester. In answer to yours of Aug. 23, concerning mistakes in the names of the Commissioners given, we signify that Archdale Palmer, John Goodman, and Evers Armyne are the persons intended for Commissioners; and that John Pitts is to be one of the ministers appointed thereby. [*I.* 76, *p.* 275.]

Sept. 7. **96.** Petition of John Lewis, late Receiver-general of Monthly Assessments, co. Carmarthen, to Council. I was elected to the office 24 June 1649, and contrary to the course in other counties, forced to act as agent as well as receiver, and so continued till 25 March last. I brought up at 9 several times, at my own charge, to Guildhall, London, 180 miles distant, 8,167*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* I paid 1,500*l.* at Pembroke, to Mr. Browne, Treasurer for the Irish Expedition, and brought 2,626*l.* to Hereford. I was so impoverished with frequent journeys to London, to receive acquittances and make my accounts, that the county was forced to lay out 700*l.* for me, for which arrears I am apprehended, and have been close prisoner at James's garrison since 13 July last. I beg you to accept bail for my appearance before the Assessment Commissioners in the county, and release me, that I may sell my estate towards payment of the money. [⅔ *page.*]

Sept. 7. Order thereon, that Wolsley receive his bail to render himself to Col. Dawkins in Camarthen before 25 Sept., to be secured till the county be satisfied for what he owes. [*I.* 76, *p.* 277.]

Sept. 7. Whitehall. President Lawrence to the Customs' Commissioners. It having pleased God to visit the Netherlands with a plague, the danger from the infection whereof causes many to quit their homes and come to live in England, which, without special care, may bring the plague hither;—Council desires that none on board vessels from beyond sea, coming into any port of this nation, be allowed to land till they have shown who they are and whence they come; if they come from the Netherlands, that they be kept in quarantine for 20 days; and then, if the sickness do not appear, that they be allowed to land only in clothes brought from shore, while all their goods must remain on board till further order. You are to order all officers of ports, and creeks, to see this done strictly.

P.S.—If the Secretary of State shall hereafter inform you that any other parts besides the Netherlands are infected, you are to issue order to the same effect concerning those parts. [*I.* 76, *p.* 278.]

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4. A letter, similar to the above, to be sent to the magistrates of several ports on the east, north, and west coasts of England, with this clause added, All of which we have signified to the Customs' Commissioners to execute strictly, and we desire you to use your best endeavours, for the safety of your town, that the same may be carried out.

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5. Order,—on the Lord Mayor of London's signifying to the President his humble desire that Council will dine with him on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday next,—that Mr. Jessop attend his Lordship, and return him Council's thanks for his invitation, with their desire to be excused, as his Highness's late indisposition has occasioned an addition of business which makes them less at leisure.

6. Order,—on a report from Commissary-Gen. Whalley, and Cols. Goffe and Berry, touching examination on words charged to have been spoken against his Highness by Jo. Whiting of Boston, co. Lincoln,—that as there appears no just cause for his prosecution, he be dismissed further attendance.

7. Thurloe to direct Bradshaw, resident at Hamburg, to give letters of credit to Mr. Rolt, for supplying himself with money for the charge of the negotiation to Sweden, not exceeding 500*l.*

9. Mr. Secretary informs Council of the rescue of prisoners apprehended to-day by a warrant to the Serjeant-at-arms.

13. Jones, Montague, Pickering, and Fiennes, to examine into the said rescue, send for whom they choose, and order the Serjeant-at-arms to arrest any concerned therein. Mr. Secretary to assist.

14. Order, on report on the petition of Frances Lady Fairfax [*see* 4 *May* 1655], that in full of all demands, and in payment of all arrears and disbursements, 2000*l.* be allowed her out of her discoveries of concealed lands, moneys, or goods due to the State, and that directions be given for prosecution of the said discoveries. Approved 21 Sept. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 277–280.] *Annexing,*

> **96***a.* I. *Report, by Mulgrave and Lambert, on which the said order was founded.* [$1\frac{2}{3}$ *pages.*]

Sept. $\frac{7}{17}$.
George,
Cascaes Road.

97. Gen. Robt. Blake to Rich. Hutchinson. Having drawn bills upon you for 150*l.*, payable to Jno. Bushell, merchant of London, for beverage wine received of Wm. Birde, merchant in Lisbon, for the use of this fleet, I desire you will pay the same, and place it to my account. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

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Dartmouth.

98. Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Col. Jno. Clarke. Admiralty Chamber, Whitehall. In my last I gave you an account of a vessel taken up at sea by Gen. Penn's fleet, of her being put on shore at Brixham, in Torbay, and of my intentions of going to see to her preservation. On arriving, I found Capt. Pley had engaged a carpenter to stop her leaks with sheet lead, which was nearly completed, and the lieutenant of the Lion was put in command of the men engaged to bring her ashore; some had been quartered in the village, and others on board; they were in a very sad condition, without anything to eat, and hardly any clothes about them, and many were very feeble. I treated with the men for easing the charge, and sending them eastward, but they demanded half of the vessel, and what was in her for salvage, alleging that she was a wreck. After much discourse, I have prevailed with them to leave the vessel to be brought about by the lieutenant and 6 of the men with others, and thereupon dismissed 38 of them, and gave them 10*s.* each to carry them to their ships. I left the lieutenant, a master, and 6 men in charge, and arranged for their diet and some clothing.

What is in the vessel cannot be known until she comes in, as when first met with, she was full of water to the gun deck. I suppose she must not be entered in the Admiralty as prize, for no one can depose to whom she belongs; but she is a Dutch bottom, of 160 tons, and is supposed from Greenland, having a great copper vessel of 10 cwt. between decks, which the company would have sold but for me. She has also some oil, but much has been pumped out, and we cannot stop the leakage of the casks until they are all out of the hold, which is nearly full. The lieutenant had orders to acquaint the Vice-Admiral of the county when he came on shore, and to receive directions from him; I will take his and the master's examinations on oath, and send them either to Drs. Godolphin or Walker, and copies to you. I have taken care to prevent embezzlement, and to hinder the rude country; having left orders with Capt. Pley, I shall return homewards to-morrow. I beg advice as to the best to be done with the men engaged to assist. [2 *pages.*]

Sept. $\frac{7}{17}$. Cologne. **99.** Sec. Nicholas to Joseph Jane. My wife arrived on Tuesday, sooner than I expected, and when I had but just removed to the house I had taken for her. She is still weary, and much worse than when I left her, but better than she was in France. I hear that Cromwell, having tried all ways to compass his designs, now talks of calling a Parliament, finding the people discontented and passionate to have a Parliament, which is the chief deity in whom they confide. He hopes by so doing to prevent a triennial Parliament.

The imprisoned gentlemen in the North are only fined by the judges for riots and misdemeanours, and released on bail. I hear of none to be tried in December, and would be glad to know who write such lies.

We do not here believe that Penn's remainder of a fleet is returned to Plymouth. I send well confirmed intelligence from England about Cromwell and the Swedes. Show it M. Somerdike, and tell me his opinion on it. We believe that the Swedes design to master the Baltic, and that they and Cromwell intend thereby to bridle the States of Holland; and if Denmark do not concur with them, they will force him to it.

Some think France and Sweden are in good intelligence. The Queen of Sweden goes for Italy on Monday. Next week the King, Duke of Gloucester, Princess Royal, and Lady Stanhope are going incognito to Frankfort fair; a strange journey, all things considered, but young princes think of nothing but pleasure. Some say the King of Poland is dangerously sick.

The lady may do something for you while she needs your help, but will do nothing out of consideration of your worth and sad condition. I have no credit with her, but have spoken to Mr. Cha[ncellor?] who can do all with her, and he will recommend you when anything advantageous falls into the Princess Royal's gift. You never saw any man fawn and flatter any great man so much and so grossly as *Cha*[*ncellor*]*?*] *does Sir Edw. Hyde.* [2½ *pages. The italics are in cypher, undecyphered.*]

Sept. 8. **100.** Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners. The Protector, with the advice of his Council, by Patent under the Great Seal, dated 27 Aug. last, constituted Thos. Alderne Victualler of the Navy, and gave him power to furnish and issue forth sufficient provisions in pursuance of his instructions. Some particulars in the said instructions have reference to you; we transmit you a copy, and require you, so far as you are concerned, to proceed thereupon with all care and diligence. On or before the 29th instant, you are to deliver up all houses and storehouses possessed by you, or your instruments, at Tower Hill or elsewhere, to be settled upon him for the victualling offices, and to give him all due assistance and furtherance in the legal possession of what was appropriated to the victualling service, but is now detained by particular persons, to the prejudice of the State.

In reference to his accounting, we require you, upon conference with the said victualler, forthwith to settle a regular course for his and your proceedings therein, respect being had to the intention of the said instructions, so that the State may receive full satisfaction, and the victualler be discharged by passing his account each 6 months, or sooner as shall be desired by him.

You are to take care that the accounts of the stewards concerned in former victuallings, not acted or done by the present victualler, be made up and perfected by yourselves. For provisions delivered by him since the new settlement, he is to take the care of examining and passing the accounts. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

100. I. *Instructions for the Victualler of the Navy, the same as those already calendared* 29 *Aug., pp.* 282–3 *supra.* [$2\frac{1}{3}$ *pages.*]

Sept. 9. The Marston Moor, Spithead, near Portsmouth. **101.** Capt. Edw. Blagge to the Admiralty Commissioners. I left Jamaica on 24 July, with the Seahorse prize, bound for Virginia, but was parted from her in the night; the Augustin was to follow in 2 days. On 12 July the Portland, being sent to ply off the island, returned with the loss of her foremast with all upon it. In getting her a new one, we found that the worm had much injured our spare masts, so we put them into a pond of salt water on a point by the harbour. The Portland and Great Charity were put into the harbour until the army had raised a fortification upon the point.

The fleet intended putting to sea in a few days, but the men were very sickly and died daily. Capt. Vessey is dead, and Capt. Clarke cashiered for gross misdemeanours and embezzlements. Capt. Powell is appointed to the Selby, Capt. Blythe to the Hound, and Captain, late Lieut. Evans to the Gloucester. I have brought over General Venables, Col. Bullar, Capt. Butler, Quartermaster-Gen. Rudyard, Capt. How, Marshal General, and Captains Amesley and Sackville, with the General's lady, and their retinue of 28 persons.

Adjutant-Gen. Berktsead, one of Lady Venables' maids, Wm. Steventon, check of the Grantham, and one of my own ship's company, died on the voyage, and many more lie very sick. I came up with two ships of London with tobacco from Virginia 700 or 800 leagues off. I send some Spanish letters and papers from Admiral Goodson, which came by this express. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 10. The Satisfaction, Beaumaris. **102.** Capt. Mich. Nutton to Navy Commissioners. I received Lord Deputy Fleetwood and his family on board at Dublin Bay, to bring them to the Point of Ayr, in Chester Water, but, being forced into Beaumaris, landed them there, whence his Lordship went to Chester by land, and ordered me back to fetch his goods and bring them to London. I will sail with the first wind, although my provisions are short. Capt. Sherwin of the Primrose, and Capt. Coleman of the Wexford, formerly the Fleetwood, accompanied me over. [¾ *page damaged.*]

Sept. 11. **103.** Petition of Major Tim. Cruso, merchant of London, to Council. I was apprehended by your warrant, on Saturday, brought to Whitehall, and thence to Lambeth House, where I remain. My studies are sealed, and the key taken by the messengers, to my great prejudice, though I have always been faithful to the present Government, and adventured my life for them, and spent my own money to keep my soldiers from straggling, and never been repaid. I beg, if I cannot be speedily heard, that I may be released, on my engagement to wait on you when required, having other men's business in hand beside my own, which will be taken away unless I follow it; or if this may not be, release on security. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 11. Note in Council of the reading of the petition. [*I.* 76, *p.* 280.]

Sept. 11. **104.** Petition of Thos. Gallilee to Lord Lambert, one of the Privy Council. I presented you a paper which you moved at Council, who appointed Mr. Jessop to draw a letter to the State of Venice, which he has done, but cannot offer it for signature, unless called for by you. Seeing it concerns the redemption of a man of valour, who, with one ship, fought 27 Turkish galleys and killed 800 Turks, pray call for the letter, that the captain may be released and the 7,000*l.*, or what is justly due by the State of Venice paid. [¾ *page.*] [*I.* 92, *No.* 255.] *Annexing,*

104. I., II. *Letter suggested to be written by the Protector to the agent for Venice. Capt. Thos. Gallilee, with his* 1 *ship, fought* 27 *Turkish galleys, till his ship was burned under him, and he forced to leap into the sea, whence he was taken by the Turks, and is become the Grand Turk's immediate slave; the aged father petitioned us, we referred the case to Council, they to you, and you to the States of Venice, who ordered payment of* 22,757 *ducats, but it is not paid. We recommend payment, that this valiant captain may be redeemed and rewarded, to encourage others to be faithful to their trust.* [2 *copies.*]

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Sept. 11. Order in Council thereon, that—as on information that the Relief under Capt. Thos. Gallilee, jun., hired by Venice 3 years since, was taken after a gallant fight with 27 Turkish galleys, fired, and Gallilee, casting himself into the sea, became a prisoner to the Turks, and has so remained since; whereupon Council wrote to Venice for his release and payment, on which his accounts were made out and 10,000 ducats proved due to him, but not paid, and his aged father having no other means of procuring his ransom,—Council once more recommends the case to the Resident of Venice, Gallilee's fidelity and courage in their service rendering him a person of merit as well as of suffering. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 281–2.]

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2. Skippon and Pickering added to the Committee on the late rescue of a prisoner, which is to meet this afternoon.

3. The petition of Wm. Birkdell to his Highness, concerning losses by the French, referred by him to Council, read.

4. Order—on a certificate from Ed. Eyre, and others, on behalf of John Weeks, annexed to the petition of Anne Pettingale, widow—that Weeks be allowed to remain in London and Westminster, the late proclamation notwithstanding.

8. Gen. Monk's letter of Sept. 4 referred to Sydenham, Jones, and Skippon, to speak with fit persons, and report.

9. The petition of Capt. Wm. Scott of Worcester referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to report.

10. Order,—on several letters from Mr. Moreland and Mr. Downing—that his Highness be advised to order Downing's return to England.

11. Gen. Penn to attend Council at 8 a.m. tomorrow.

12. Order on request of Hen. Russell, quartermaster to the train [of artillery], on behalf of the wagoners that are to be reduced,—showing that before there were 29 draft horses, 13 wagoners, and 3 matrosses, and only 18 horses, 6 wagoners, and 2 matrosses are to stand, and yet ever since the reducement, they have been employed to carry money to West Chester, for the service of Ireland, and then to Scotland, and only returned 6 Sept.—that they be paid up to the said 6 Sept., and that Mr. Bowes calculate their arrears from 23 July last, and certify.

13. Order that Russell take care that the 11 draft horses are sold to the best advantage.

14. The business of Gen. Blake's fleet to be considered tomorrow. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 280–1.]

Sept. 11. [Chester.] **105.** Col. T. Croxton to Sec. Thurloe. I have sent up by 3 of my foot soldiers John Lingen, prisoner. He was an ensign when this city was a garrison for the King, and would have been a trooper under Ravenscroft if their design had taken effect. Send the soldiers back as soon as you can, allowing them 20*s.* each for their journey. I cannot find who had a hand in Ravenscroft's escape, but 2 of his sisters are suspected, also a servant of his mother, Lady Gamull, who brought him a horse and went away with him in the night. All 3 are prisoners. Ravenscroft's annuity of 30*l.* should be stopped. He was trying to sell it to his brother for 200*l.* Endorsed with receipt of 3*l.* by the 3 soldiers. [1½ *pages.*]

Sept. 11. Plymouth. **106.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Commissioners. When at Torbay, I received your letter about the vessel brought in by the Lion. I will, as you order, send the worst of the mariners who are prisoners in the castle to the gaol; but to do it with safety, I shall want soldiers. I will send the remainder to Barbadoes.

No mention is made in the Council's order of the many Frenchmen we have here at charge, and likewise some English gentlemen taken in a Brest man-of-war, who had been officers in the late King's army, and have lain here a long time. Particulars of ships. Thos. Maynard, who was sent to the King of Portugal, has returned in the Hampshire, with a packet for you from Gen. Blake, and has gone by post to London. [2 *pages.*]

Sept. 12. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on report from the Committee on the late rescue of a prisoner as to Maj. Timothy Cruso's case, on his examination, that he be liberated, on engagement to attend Council whenever required; also to try to find out Thos. Proctor, who lately escaped, and to discover any of his papers of public concern.

2. Skippon to inform Cruso of the above order.

3. A letter from Gen. Blake of August 30 read.

4. Fiennes, Lambert, Sydenham, and Lisle to consider the state of Blake's fleet, speak with the Admiralty Commissioners, and report; Mr. Secretary to assist. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 282–3.]

[Sept. 13.] **107, 108.** Petition of Col. Gilbert Ireland, Governor of Liverpool, to the Protector. When I received the government, there were but 30 soldiers in the castle and garrison, and 10 of them were lame and impotent, sent from hospitals, and unfit for service in time of danger, so I was obliged to make up the number to 50, being as few as could keep the garrison in case of attempts; but I can only procure pay for 30. I beg order for the pay of the 50 for the time they have already served, and for their future continuance or disbanding. With reference, 4 June 1655, to the Committee of officers; report of Commissary Edw. Whalley, Lieut.-Gen. Chas. Worsley, and Col. Wm. Goffe, that Ireland, a lieutenant, and 20 more soldiers added to the garrison, should have their pay which, from 9 April to 15 June 1655, when they may be disbanded, would be 70*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*; and further reference to Council, 9 June 1655. [2 *papers.*]

[Sept. 13.] **109, 110.** Petition renewed for payment for the whole 50 soldiers. With reference, 22 Aug. 1655, to Commissary-Gen. Whalley, Goffe, and Worsley, and their report, that as the said soldiers were continued to 30 July, the sum due to them is 115*l.* 13*s.* 0*d.* [2 *papers.*]

Sept. 13. Order thereon for payment of the said sum out of the Army's contingencies. [*I.* 76, *p.* 284.]

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Sept. 13. **111.** Petition of the wives and assignees of the officers and soldiers gone to the [West] Indies under Gen. Venables for ¼ of their pay, according to order. In May they petitioned and obtained payment, after two months' waiting, some spending more than they received. Though the second month is due, Mr. Hodges, the former paymaster-general, refuses payment, because he has no order. They are in most sad condition, their husbands having borrowed money to fit themselves for the service. Beg their future payments without further trouble or expense; 9 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 13. Reference thereon to Lisle, Jones, Sydenham, and Desborow, the committee yesterday appointed for the business of Jamaica, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 284.]

Sept. 13. **112.** Representation of the Commissioners for Appeals and regulating the Excise to Council. Rich. Babington, to whom the farm of excise on gold, silver, and copper wire is let at 2,800*l.*—a large advance—complains of fraudulent practices of the traders to elude the duty, which, if not prevented, will make this excise not worth the trouble and expense of management.

They erect engines in cellars and obscure places to disgross these goods, without bringing them to the places appointed by the Commissioners of Excise, as ordered by the Act of 6 Aug. 1646. They often bring the copper bars to the appointed place to be rounded, and thence take them to their houses to be silvered, and pretend to export them to be drawn, whereas they draw them secretly in and about the city, so that there should be a power given to break open doors to search for such frauds. He requests that some persons should be so empowered and act as though searching for clippers and adulterators of coin; if a few offenders were punished it would be a terror to the rest. Signed Wm. Roberts, John Stone, John Bockett, A. Baynes. [1⅔ *pages.*]

Sept. 13. Reference thereon to Sydenham, Jones, Lisle, Wolseley, and Pickering, to enquire and report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 284.]

Sept. 13. **113.** Petition of Wm. Taylor, 7 years master gunner of Newcastle, and artillery officer since 1642, to Council, for grant of the drawbridge, old carriages, and stones of a small fortification within the walls of the castle, which was built by Sir John Marlow, Governor for the late King, if Council think fit to demolish the said fortifications. By order of July last, petitioner and other officers of Newcastle were reduced. [½ *page.*]

Sept. 13. Reference thereon by Council to Wm. Johnson, mayor of Newcastle, Capt. Thos. Lilburne, Capt. Ogle, and Aldermen Dawson and Bonner, of Newcastle, to survey the fortification, &c., and the value of the materials requested. [*I.* 76, *p.* 284.]

Sept. ? **114.** Petition of Anne, wife of Capt. Thos. Garnet, to the Protector. My husband being captain, under Capt. Stevens, of a privateer, with letters of marque against the enemies, was taken last May with his frigate by French vessels of Port Louis, and has been detained prisoner since, to the undoing of me and 3 small children. The French wife of Capt. Christ. Turner, taken by the Saphire, and prisoner at Plymouth, has prevailed with the Marshal, Governor of Brittany, that my husband shall not be released except in exchange for hers. I therefore beg that Turner may be released. [1 *page.*]

Sept. ? **115.** Like petition to Protector and Council, for Turner's release. The French Ambassador will expedite letters for my husband's release. Noted as received 10 Aug. 1655. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 13. **116.** Like petition to the Protector. Hearing that Capt. Turner is already exchanged, I beg the release of Capt. Ignatius Brett, taken in the Charles frigate by the Drake, and now prisoner at the White Lion, Southwark, in exchange for my husband. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 13. Order granting the exchange, and authorizing the keeper of the prison to release Brett. [*I.* 76, *p.* 285.]

[Sept. 13.] **117.** Petition of Capt. Thos. Roberts to the Protector. I have served faithfully from the first going out of the late Lord Brooke, and at the siege of Gloucester, raised a troop at my own charge, and served till Dec. 1646. I also had a troop at Worcester fight. In 1648 I waited on you at Gloucester, when you promised to remember me on opportunity, and wrote the lines annexed with your own hand. I have 3,000*l.* due on arrears and public faith, and have received little. I beg an order therefor out of any just discovery I may make. With reference, 25 May 1655, to Council. [1 *sheet.*] *Annexing,*

117. I. *O. Cromwell to Mr. Roberts. Hearing that divers Papists and delinquents gather on pretence of hunting meetings, give out dangerous speeches, and ride up and down armed, I authorize you to gather your friends and well-affected persons, and have these men brought to Gloucester to be secured till the pleasure of Parliament be known. With writ of assistance for him, in suppressing insurrections and apprehending suspected persons, to all officers serving under Lord Fairfax.* 9 *May* 1648. [2 *pages. Holograph.*]

Sept. 13. Order thereon in Council that he be allowed as much as can be proved to be justly due to him, out of his discoveries of concealments, which are to be prosecuted by the Treasury Commissioners. Approved 21 Sept. [*I.* 76, *p.* 286.]

Sept. 13. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. A letter from Wm. Johnson, Mayor of Newcastle, of Aug. 27, referred to Lambert, Jones, Wolsley, and Fiennes, to speak with Blaxton the bearer, and others, and report.

2. Order on a report from Commissary-Gen. Whalley, Col. Goffe, and Scoutmaster-Gen. Downing, on a reference from his Highness,—

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they stating that since October 1653, the foot soldiers in Ireland have been paid 6*s*. 3*d*. (*sic*) a week each, viz., 3*s*. 6*d*. (*sic*) in money, and one brown George, valued at 12*d*., and the 9*d*. (*sic*) remaining has been stopped to buy them a yearly suit of clothes each; that they were thus paid till they landed in England, 15 Jan. 1654–5, having each a suit of clothes delivered in October last; that since their landing, they have been paid as the English forces, viz., 6*s*. 1*d*. a week, the remaining 9*d*. being respited for clothes, so that the 9*d*. is due for 8 months to those that were in the service from October 1654 to 9 June 1655, the date of the report, whereof 134*l*. 3*s*. 0*d*. was paid to the foot forces which went with Major Pelham for the West Indies—to advise a warrant for repayment of this 134*l*. 3*s*. 0*d*. out of Army contingencies to Col. Thos. Sadler, to be paid by him to the officers who advanced the arrears to the said soldiers.

8. The petition of Capt. John Ogle, and the report by Col. Goffe and Capt. Henry Ogle, referred to Sydenham, Jones, and Skippon, to report.

10. Order—on report on the petition of Capt. Rich. Pechell [*see* 15 *Aug*. 1655], that 607*l*. 18*s*. 0*d*. is due to Major Bethel, after defalcations; that he died at the siege of Bristol, leaving Pechell his executor, and that Pechell spent 24*l*. 7*s*. 1*d*. on Yarmouth Castle while he was governor—that the sum of these debts 632*l*. 5*s*. 1*d*. be allowed to Pechell, out of concealed moneys or lands to be discovered by him, and prosecuted by the Treasury Commissioners. Approved 21 Sept. *Annexing,*

118. I. *Report alluded to, signed by Sydenham and Skippon.* [1 *page*.]

118. II. *Bill of Pechell's disbursements at Yarmouth Castle, Sept.* 1649 *to Sept.* 1653; *total* 24*l*. 7*s*. 1*d*. [1 *page*.]

118. III. *Report by the Treasury Commissioners, on a Council reference on the petition of Capt. Rich. Pechell, that the case be considered on the 29th, and that the Registrar for Sequestrations deliver Pechell copies of all papers and orders in his custody relating to the compensation and discharge of Edw. Trelawny, of Coledrinnich, Cornwall,* 21 *Nov*. [*G*. 215, *p*. 841.]

12. Order—on the petition of Sir Wm. Balfour setting forth his faithful service to the State, and praying payment of arrears, according to his account certified by the late Committee for Accounts, on an Order of Parliament of Nov. 17 1646, wherein appears due and respited on public faith 1,466*l*. 17*s*. 0*d*. besides 211*l*. 13*s*. 0*d*. remaining on the foot of the said amount—that he be allowed from any discoveries he shall make of money, lands, or goods, of those not pardoned in the Act of Pardon, as much money as he can show to be justly in arrear for service. The Treasury Commissioners to receive such discoveries, prosecute them, examine into his arrears, and report. Approved 21 Sept.

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13, 14. The surveyor to see that coach-houses and stables be speedily built in the Mews for Maj.-Gen. Skippon, and in Scotland Yard for Sir Chas. Wolsley. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 283–7.]

119. The Admiralty Commissioners to take care of the speedy sending away in duplicate of a letter this day ordered to Gen. Blake, who by his last letter was in Cascaes Bay, intending to sail to the South Cape. The said Commissioners to send letters by this night's post to the commander of the Bristol, to speed away the provisions to Gen. Blake.

Also to prepare a frigate of some countenance, and another ship of burden for the provisions to be forthwith sent to Jamaica. Noted "This to be managed with secresy." [1 *page.*] *

Sept. 13. Lynn. **120.** Jno. Bellerby to Gen. Jno. Desborow. It has been long in my thoughts to acquaint you of an estate now under sequestration, on pretence that it belongs to the late Duke of Lenox, called Sutton Marsh, worth from 1,500*l.* to 2,000*l.* a year. It does not belong to the Duke, as he compounded for his sole estates, and dared not compound for this; but after polling his agents and friends, he got the Committee of co. Lincoln to sequester it as his, hoping to gain it by compounding, but he could never make a good title, and so it rests as before. The former interests, who were till then in quiet possession by the imbankers, have had several hearings about it since the sequestration, but cannot get it out of the hands it is now in, and it is a sweet bit to them at Lincoln.

It has been vented from one to another these 16 years. First the imbankers had it by a patent from the late King, and then the Duke got it by a later patent from the same King, and great suits were commenced by both, until at last the Duke got one of the trustees, Rich. Derham's brother, to confess a judgment against it, and so the Duke was in possession for two years. Then came one Wise, a cunning lawyer, who sold the first patent, and got the tenants to take leases of him, and he told them he would oust the Duke during the wars. The Duke being a delinquent, the Earl of Pembroke got a hearing of it in the House of Lords, and a sequestration of all the rents into the hands of Mr. Stephens, M.P., a servant of his, who received the rents for several years, when Mr. Shute and Mr. Derham's brother, and others shared the marsh amongst them, let leases, and kept it until the Duke got it sequestered. Lawyer Wise, who got the first patent, sold it to one Kerby for the late Lord Bayning, who imbanked the land, but the then King's Attorney finding a flaw in the grant, the Duke gets a second, and so by the Duke and Wise, all the mischief has been begot. As it is believed this estate solely belongs to the Protector, and is lost for want of looking after, and as it now turns to very little to the Commonwealth, the agents for the Committee living off of it, and wasting much, and the poor tenants undone these hard times by their rigid actings, if you judge it meet to acquaint his Highness herewith, Rich. Derham can give you all particulars from the beginning to the end, having lived on the estate 20 years, and tasted deeply of all the troubles that have befallen it. Capt. Wornell's ship has come home from Iceland, and hopes yours is not far off. [1 *page.*]

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* These secret Orders are not in the Order Book of Council.—ED.

Sept. 13. Newgate. **121**. Josh. Fugill to Robt. Blackborne. I am somewhat refreshed by your clemency to such a desolate wretch, but as the order to bring me before the Admiralty Commissioners was only verbal, and the keeper could not obey it, I hope you will extend your favour by sending a written one. [⅔ *page.*]

Sept. 14. Council. Day's Proceedings,

1. Mr. Secretary's translation of a letter from the King of Portugal, of Aug. 26, 1655, brought by Mr. Maynard, who was employed thither, read.

3. Thurloe's representation of complaints from the Swedish and other ambassadors residing here, of the arrest of some of their servants, in breach of their privilege, referred to Fiennes, Wolsley, Jones, and Mulgrave, to report.

4. The letter of Sept. 12 from the Army Committee, answering Council's letter of Sept. 5, concerning the pay of his Highness's and the Lord Deputy's regiments of horse, appointed to march into Scotland, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, and Lambert to speak with the Army Committee thereon, and report.

5. The order of 24 July 1655 [*see p.* 257 *supra*] relative to Col. Mackworth, and Rich. Smith, his lieutenant, not having taken effect, because not contained in the last Army establishment, passed 31 July, the Army Committee are to issue warrants for their payment accordingly. Approved 21 Sept.

6. As Col. Barkstead was ordered on 18 May 1655, to make up his regiment to 1,200 men, and thereupon raised 300, whose pay, with that of a serjeant and 6 corporals, amounted to 84*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.* up to 28 May 1655; also as Col. Barkstead was ordered to repay 369*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, lent him 10 Feb. 1655 for payment of some recruits—his Highness is to be advised, on his payment of the 369*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, to order a warrant for the payment to him of the 84*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.* Approved 21 Sept.

7. Order on report from the Committee on the Mayor of Newcastle's letter, since not only that town is like to be in danger through choice of ill-affected persons, but the evil may become general, and can better be prevented than redressed, to advise his Highness to issue a proclamation prohibiting such persons from election, and from voting in the election to any places of trust or power, according to an Act passed 8 Oct. 1652, which expires Sept. 28 instant.

9. Order passing the report on the petition of the inhabitants of Jersey [*see* 30 *Aug.* 1655]—certifying that by the Commission all the inhabitants are put to compound, except those of very small estates,

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but that this should be restrained to those only who are under the qualifications named in the report. *I.* 76, *pp.* 287–9.] *Annexing,*

122. I. *Considerations by the Jersey petitioners, why the whole island should not be treated as traitors and rebels, because of the misdeeds of a few desperate delinquents, many having been only delinquents on compulsion, and likely to be rendered desperate, if forced to compound or forfeit their estates;* 7 *signatures.* [1 *page.*]

122. II. *Proposals tendered to the Committee on the petition—*

(1.) *That such only be compelled to compound as assisted the enemy by setting forth frigates, buying prizes, and prosecuting the well-affected.*

(2.) *That all others be free from composition.*

(3.) *That the Commissioners be authorized to examine on oath for both sides, and take information of those who have forfeited their Articles by keeping intelligence with Charles Stuart, &c.*

(4.) *Consideration is requested of the extreme poverty of the people and their debts, so that many of them will be ruined unless mercy is shown them.* [1 *page.*]

10. Order on report of the truth of a petition of the Lord Deputy of Ireland [*see* 4 *Sept.* 1655] that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that the former Committee consider how the same may be made effectual, and report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 287–9.] *Annexing,*

122*a.* I. *Report alluded to, signed by Sydenham and Pickering.* [¼ *page.*]

Sept. $\frac{14}{24}$. Cologne. **123.** Sec. Nicholas to Mr. Jane. I have delivered yours to Mr. Cha[ncellor ?]. If Blake and the Spanish fleet are within ken of each other, Blake should fight before the plate fleet, which comes with a good convoy, joins the Spanish fleet, unless he is expecting more ships to reinforce him. The King and Council of Spain must know all that has been done against them in the West Indies, and Cromwell's resolution to pursue the design, as it is notorious everywhere; but the King of Spain is slow in his resolutions, and may stay so long in declaring against Cromwell, that it may be too late for him, and do him much hurt; for if—as designed by that arch rebel—he, France, Sweden, the Protestant Princes, and the States unite, Spain can do little.

The Spanish Ambassador at the Hague is an able man, and abhors the rebellion in England. If you could get acquainted with him, as you might by some of the Catholics there, he might tell you many passages worth notice.

Tell me what you can learn of the proceedings against M. Van Riven. I suppose the aim is rather at Prince William, whose agent he was. I am persuaded there has not been any great intimacy between 613 * and *Prince William, though* they are *friendly.*

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* Prince Maurice of Nassau? See pp. 174 and 221 supra, and Thurloe's State Papers, vol. iv. pp. 14, 111.

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I believe most of all the *Princess Dowager's* (?) *party and friends,* and even a great part of the *soldiers in* those countries have more affection for, and *a better value* of 613, *than of Prince William,* who is proud and very *unpopular,* and 613 hath a great esteem among the wisest and best patriots *in all* the *provinces,* and is without doubt *one of* the *ablest men* they have. I am much concerned for him, holding him a very worthy person.

Nothing will sooner put an end to Cromwell's empire than a foreign war, for England cannot long bear the charge; and if Cromwell be in such want of money as Cardenas says, he cannot long continue, unless Blake meet with some of the plate fleet. If he be forced to call a Parliament, which nothing but the greatest extremities will make him adventure on, he must submit to what it imposes, and then the Presbyterians will yoke him as they please.

Heenvliet has sent for Oudart to execute the commission sent, and take Lady Stanhope's fine. I shall not join with him, but Mr. Howard may when he comes. Oudart may then be knighted, for a word of his mistress would effect it.

We hear from Breslau that the Swedes have beaten the Poles, which makes the Emperor and the Princes of Germany in those parts hasten their levies. The Duke of Bavaria declines to join them for defence of Germany, being much Frenchified by his wife, the Duke of Savoy's sister.

There is great joy at Middleburg for the arrival of their East Indian ships. Cromwell has agreed with the Jews, and some of their Rabbis are learning English, and will go from several parts to settle Judaism in England; they have already meetings in London.

We do not expect His Majesty here for a fortnight. My duty to the best of Queens [the Queen of Bohemia]. I would have written her, but have nothing worth knowledge.

P.S.—Sir Edw. Pitts met at the Hague, 2 or 3 months since, a Colonel of the Swiss in England, who told him, in great secrecy, that he had in Holland received 20,000*l.* from Cromwell, to raise forces in Switzerland, to join with the Huguenots of France. Have you heard of this, or of Pitts? [3 *pages, the italics in cypher, partially decyphered.*]

Sept. 16. **124.** Jer. Bankes to Williamson. Mr. Ball told me he had the happiness of your company at Oxford. I wonder that Nicholson is turned country parson. You are become a Grecian; I can only afford you a χᾶιρε. Take care how you quote Homer and others, lest your auditors be drowsy. At the playhouse this week, many were put to the rout by the soldiers, and had broken crowns; the corporal would have been entrapped, had he not been vigilant. The town is very empty; but you shall have a fair lady if you come. [1¼ *pages.*]

Sept. 17.
London.
Levant Company to Sir Thos. Bendish. We have long forborne writing you, because we expected to send a successor; but that remaining still in suspense, and you showing your care of our interest, especially in reference to the late action of Gen. Blake at

Tunis, we thank you, and desire its continuance, till his Highness confirms you or some other person; till which we shall continue your entertainment.

We cannot admit [Jonathan] Dawes' excessive yearly charge of 1,500 dollars as treasurer; it must not exceed 800, and we must be credited for all he has received above that. If he will not continue on these terms, let him lay down the office, for there is so little trade there, we do not need a treasurer. We shall give orders to Smyrna that they remit no more moneys to the Porte than will defray your entertainment and petty expenses. We have ordered Mr. Lawrence to restore Dawes his money and goods, on which Lawrence's arrears of 1,200 dollars, detained at Smyrna, should be paid. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 4, *pp.* 247–8.]

Sept. 17. London. Levant Company to [Rich.] Lawrence. We have tried to settle your business at Constantinople, and ease ourselves of charges, but have not succeeded. Nothing is determined about sending another Ambassador, or the State's recalling you, which is a scruple you need not have insisted on, as your letters credential have not been delivered, and the occasion of your going is known to be entirely on your own affairs. If your business detains you not, you can return without call by the State, which, though not needful, we will procure if we can.

We hear that 1,200 dollars are detained from you in Smyrna for value received in goods and money from Jonathan Dawes, towards a present, since found not to be needful. If you will return them to Dawes, you will receive the 1,200 dollars. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 4, *p.* 248.]

Sept. 17. London. Levant Company to Spencer Bretton, Consul at Smyrna. We are glad to hear of Gen. Blake's good success at Tunis. The removal of Ipseer Basha, who would have exercised his usual exactions, has contributed thereto, and also the appointment of so good a friend as Morat Basha. We hope all danger is past, as the exasperations from Tunis are suddenly blown away. As thereupon you have unladen and despatched the Merchant's Delight, we shall send out a general ship for that port.

We are glad our London bills are at last discharged, and other dues, from duties on Armenians' moneys, brought on the Mary. Thanks for your service in levying the broke. We approve your choice of treasurer. We regret that Mr. Winchester preaches only once a week, and fear it is with assent of the factory, who ought more to value religion. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 4, *pp.* 349–50.]

Sept. 17. London. Levant Company to the Consul at Aleppo. We expect your Canceleur, who has been acting as marine factor since Felix Pigot's death, is released by the arrival of Mr. Bodington, from whom we expect good service.

We think it providential that at the juncture when all our estates (if not more) lay at stake in Constantinople, by the late hostile actions of Gen. Blake at Tunis, we were rescued from the rapine of Ipseer Basha, and have the friendship of his successor.

We suppose you will abolish that unjust sentence of paying customs on money, and recover the avanias extorted from you while under him.

We are sorry for your difficulty in extorting the 2¼ dollars per cloth. We know the nonpayment here was occasioned by the ignorance of inexperienced servants, and not by design; therefore, for this time, we will remit the duty to as many as give satisfaction here, a list of whom Mr. Vincent, our husband, will give you, but levy it on the rest. We have at last fixed on Mr. Frampton as minister; and on account of the extraordinary character he bears, have increased his salary to 400 dollars, but not to be a precedent.

Wm. Fowke and Company unjustly detain large sums, because of the Hattecheriff, but we desire you to enforce payment, and will save you harmless therein. In respect to you, we remit our impositions on silk of yours imported on the African. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 4, *pp.* 251–2.]

Sept. 17. London. Levant Company to Wm. Fowke, Manchester Bernard and Clement Harby. John Hobson has procured from the Senate at Venice an injunction against the levy of 2 dollars per mille on currants from Zante and Cephalonia, for charges in doing which we have promised him ¼ livre per mille on the said currants. He has also obtained from Gen. Moresini an order abolishing the dollar per mille to the regiments, both which orders we enclose, that you may withstand all payments on these accounts, and recover what moneys remained in Camera above Mr. Bromhall's claim, for which Hobson has sent you a procuration, which we beg you to execute. The recovered moneys are to be restored to each factor. The trade being so eased, Hobson should enjoy his allowance, which we request you to see paid from May 1652. Make this known to all the factory, that they may assist therein. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 4, *pp.* 253-4.]

Sept. 17. Levant Company to John Hobson. We are pleased with the result of your endeavours, though we fear Gen. Moresini's order may expire with him; therefore we wish you to get it ratified by the Senate.

Recapitulation of the preceding letter. We shall thank Signor Paluzzi for his friendly letters to the Senate. [*Levant Papers, Vol.* 4, *p.* 255.]

Sept. $\frac{17}{27}$. Rotterdam. **125.** Luke Whittington to Sec. Nicolas, Cologne. These several years, when there were hopes of his Majesty's restoration, I encouraged my townsmen of Hull to declare for him, and since Cromwell has advanced himself so high, I find them very pliable. In the last unfortunate rising, the seamen were so forward that if I had had time, or known where to send to his Majesty for instructions, I had gone for Hull. Now an opportunity presents, by the death (as reported,) of Cromwell, and the chief seamen will do their best, and assure me that if Cromwell be dead, the town will declare for the King, and they think the country all round also. If his Majesty would send me a letter to the mayor, aldermen, &c., to the same effect as he did on another subject, with a like promise of free pardon, and an Act of Indemnity for the whole town, I know a shipmaster who would deliver the letter, and bring an answer, and who will trade between here and Hull, on purpose to serve his Majesty. He will come to Zealand or Flanders, as I advise him, and is an able seaman, and hopes to be a pilot to carry his Majesty to Hull. God make me so happy as to see it, and soon. Our Hull men fancy that it will be the King's seat for a long time, and that he will mightily enlarge it, and make it so that ships may sail round about it. He should say something about religion, as the vulgar people have lately been told by the ill-affected that he is a Roman Catholic.

P.S.—I had a letter before from his Majesty to the masters and seamen of the Trinity House, Hull, but this is not so needful now as then. [2 *pages.*]

Sept. 18. **126.** Petition of the deputies of Lancelot Emott, Provost Marshal of Middlesex, to Council. On 14 Aug. 1654, Col. Sydenham was ordered to consider out of what Treasury 100*l.* due to Emott and them should be paid, but Emott did not attend, on pretence that more was due to him; so that after 2½ years' service, they have received nothing, and had to pawn and sell their goods for subsistence. Beg a speedy order for payment of 60*l.* for their part of the 100*l.* and will give a full discharge thereof, though the Marshal refuse to do the same. 6 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 18. Order thereon to advise that the said 100*l.* be paid by 20*l.* weekly, until all is discharged, in full of Emott's demands. [*I.* 76, *p.* 293.]

Sept. 18. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order—on report on the petitions of Abigail Flesher and Eliz. Crant that 273*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* was due to Wm. Flesher, and 281*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* due by an account stated by the late Committee for co. Chester to Capt. Thos. Crant, slain at Rowton battle—that on the coming in of 500*l.*, residue of Lord Savile's fine, the 273*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* be paid to Mrs. Flesher, and the remainder to Mrs. Crant, towards her husband's arrears. *Annexing,*

127. I. *Report stating the above debts as due.* [¾ *page.*]

2. Mulgrave and Fiennes added to the Committee on several petitions about the office of Clerk of the Market.

3. The petition of several nobility and gentry of the despoiled Protestants of Ireland, whose names are subscribed, read, and consideration respited till the Lord Deputy's coming.

4. Order on report on the petition of the parishioners of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields [*see* 24 *Jan.* 1654] that to prevent the great inconvenience from increase of new buildings in that parish, and other parts in and about London and Westminster, his Highness issue a proclamation laying a restraint thereon, and that the proclamation hitherto issued in like cases be perused, and used as far as convenient. *Annexing,*

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128. I. *Report signed by Lambert, Fiennes, and Sydenham, on which the above order was founded.* [1 *page.*]

6. The Army Committee to issue a warrant to the Treasurers-at-war to advance 2 months' pay to the 12 companies of foot which are to be drawn from the party of foot that came from Ireland to England last January, and are now to return to Ireland by way of Chester. Approved 20 Sept.

7. Major John Duckenfield having in hand 225*l.* left with him by Capt. Bonel, as money overpaid him for the companies of Col. Venables' regiment, now in England, is therefrom to pay the transport and contingent expenses of the said 12 companies, on orders from Col. Thos. Sadler, and to account for the same, and for the balance, to the Treasurers at Dublin. Approved 20 Sept.

8. The Army Committee to issue a warrant to pay Wm. Walker 200*l.* for Army contingencies, that he may satisfy several sums lately advised by Council to be paid. Approved 21 Sept.

9. A gold medal and chain worth 50*l.* to be prepared by Thos. Simons for Col. Thos. Sadler, as a gratuity for his faithful service. Approved 21 Sept.

12. Order that, as Sir Wm. Selby has died before fulfilment of the order of 13 July last, for payment to him of 1,500*l.*, the moiety of 3,000*l.* ordered him 23 Aug. 1654 from fines in Scotland, and has not assigned over the said money, it be paid to Dame Ellinor Selby, his widow. Approved 21 Sept.

14. Order on a letter of 14 Sept. from the Committee of Officers for Reducements—that they thought they had finished the paying of the recruits of horse entertained at the Salisbury rising; but of late there are more demands from the officers of Lord Lambert's regiment, and Capt. Palmer's troop in Col. Saunders' regiment, for which 210*l.* will be wanting—that a warrant be issued to Mr. Frost to pay the same from Council's contingencies to Col. Goffe, on account for charges of the said recruits. Approved 21 Sept.

16. Mr. Bacon, his Highness's Master of Requests, attending at the door and being called in, delivered, by his Highness's order, several petitions about prisoners referred to Council. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 289–293.]

Sept. 18. Whitehall. Pres. Laurence to Geo. Bilton, Deputy Treasurer at Leith. Enclosed is an order of his Highness and Council to pay Lady Selby the money designed her from Scotch fines, which you are to see done as quickly as possible, her condition needing it. [*I.* 76, *p.* 293.]

Sept. 18. Whitehall. Pres. Laurence to Chas. Walley, sen. and jun., Chester. Twelve companies of foot, consisting of 1,000 soldiers, being part of the foot forces which came from Ireland to England last January, are to be shipped for Ireland at West Chester, and the ports adjacent. Council desires you to impress at reasonable rates as many ships as will suffice for their transport. Col. Sadler will take order for the expense. You are to give a speedy account of your proceedings to Council. [*I.* 76, *p.* 293.]

Sept. $\frac{18}{28}$. Cologne. **129.** Sec. Nicolas to Mr. Jane. I believe Cromwell's loss in the Indies far greater than has been reported, and it strikes nearer his heart than is imagined. Many letters from Flanders, Zealand, and Amsterdam say that he died the $\frac{9}{19}$ of the colic, or of convulsions, and some say the devil killed him; but as no express has come to Holland or Flanders with news of so great import, I know not what credit to give to the report. God grant we may make good use of his death, if true.

I believe the rulers of the rebels' army will never consent to a triennial or other Parliament that shall have power above them, as they must expect to be dissolved, or so diminished that they may be easily dissolved, for the Kingdom will not think themselves masters while there is a ruling army in England. If St. John have any design to procure a triennial Parliament, he may burn his fingers with meddling in it whilst the army is so prevalent. If Cromwell should be dead, and Lambert chosen in his place, he or any other (who had not actually a hand in the murder of the late King) may be treated with and pardoned, so as to restore the King on good conditions, which is the only hope of good I expect from such a change.

It is said that the French have been defeated by the Spaniards in Catalonia, which peace lovers wish to be true, as the French and Swedes delight in war and bloodshed.

Is it true, as reported, that 613 [Prince Maurice?] has lately got a sentence on behalf of his kinsmen of Breda against M. Heenvliet for the Drosser's place of Breda?

Tell Mrs. Harvey that I have 150 rix dollars in part of 200*l.* to pay her from Lord Gerard, and she is to give him the acquittance of a woman who sold him some linen. The other 50 will be paid her when received in 2 months. I would not meddle in such a matter but for Lord Gerard, who is in Paris, but will be here at Christmas.

This morning the Queen of Sweden passed my door with 7 coaches of 6 horses each, a horse litter, and a great litter. She will lodge at a castle 3 or 4 miles off. She is already a Roman Catholic, and goes to mass, but will not declare herself till she comes to Rome. She has had made a golden sceptre with a crown on, set with diamonds and rubies, value 5,000 crowns, to offer on her return to Notre Dame de Lorette; and she will then buy Egmond's house in Brussels, and make it a convent for nuns. "A worthy pillar doubtless she will prove, for which the Protestants will not have much cause to envy Rome."

I have talked little with the doctor here; he so admires the greatness of his other friends, as he little regards others. My wife sends remembrances to you and your wife. [$1\frac{3}{4}$ *pages.*]

Sept. 19. **130.** Petition of Edw. May, clerk, Geo. Binny, and Dan. Esterson, labourers, to the Protector and Council for release, or they must perish. Are brought up in a messenger's custody, on

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complaint of D. Clarkson [*see* 28 *Aug.* 1655], and have been a fortnight at great expense, and know not why they are restrained. Noted as received 14 Sept. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 19. Order in Council for their discharge. [*I.* 76, *p.* 295.]

Sept. 19. **131.** Petition of the clerks of the Signet and Privy Seal to the Protector, for competent salaries. The business from which they derived their chief benefit is taken away, and the public business, for which they receive no fees, much increased, so that their labour is far greater, and the profit inconsiderable. With reference to Council, 17 Sept. 1655. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 19. Reference thereon in Council to Sydenham, Desborow, Wolsley, Pickering, Lisle, and Mulgrave, to consider the fees received and the salaries to be allowed, and report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 296.]

Sept. 19. Council. Day's Proceedings.

2. The Committee on the Mayor of Newcastle's letter to meet this afternoon, and Strickland added to it.

3. Order on Desborow's report—that, according to his Highness's order of July 12, he had taken up of John Talbot, Receiver-General of Assessment for co. Devon, to pay off 8 companies of Sir John Copleston's regiment, 2,559*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.*, on receipt from Maj. John Blackmore—that an order be prepared to allow the said receipt on Talbot's account.

4. Order on a certificate from Rob. Bowes, clerk of the Army Committee, according to Council's order of Sept. 11—that the pay of 11 draught horses, 7 wagoners, and 1 matross, appointed to be reduced will amount, from July 23 to Sept. 6, 1655, to 40*l.* 16*s.* 6½*d.*—to advise an order for payment thereof to Hen. Russel, Quartermaster, for their discharge.

6. Ulick, Earl of Clanrickard, to have liberty to stay in England a month from Sept. 27, on the former conditions. Approved 21 Sept.

7. The petition of the merchants trading for Spain referred to Desborow, Lambert, Strickland, and Mulgrave, to report.

8. Also the petition of several of the jurates and common council of Dover.

10. The petition of Christiana, widow of Major Geo. Uldrick, and the certificate of 2 of the Commissioners for the contribution money for the Protestants in Savoy, referred to the said Commissioners, to advise what sum should be allowed her out of the said money.

11. An addition to be made to the order of 9 Aug. last, for inserting into the army establishment the late Deputy Governor and Surgeon of Portsmouth, that they are each to have 3*s.* a day, as formerly.

13. The petition of Anne Holland, widow, referred to Strickland, Sydenham, Rous, and Desborow, to report.

14. The report from the Treasury Commissioners, on a reference of a paper containing the brief state of the office of agency for granting licences to sell wine by retail, referred to Lisle, Desborow,

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Strickland, and Fiennes, to treat with the persons, see how it may be made practicable, and report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 294–6.]

Sept. 19. Pres. Laurence to Gen. Geo. Monk, Commander-in-chief of the forces in Scotland. You will see by the enclosed that on ⅔ parts of the excise money in Scotland is charged 96,576*l.* 16*s.* 11*d.* for arrears to the forces till the new establishment, which is to begin in Scotland as in England from July 23 last. That accounts may be kept clear, and no intervals of arrears be left on old musters, Council desires you, from the next money coming to hand, to pay all musters up to July 23, according to the old establishment, and pay from July 23 according to the new establishment. [*I.* 76, *p.* 295.]

Sept. 20. Council. Day's Proceedings.

2. His Highness acquainting Council that Gen. Rob. Venables attended at the door; he was called in. Order to advise that he be committed to the Tower.

3. Like order to advise that Gen. Wm. Penn be committed to the Tower.

4. Approval by the Protector of 3 orders, 4 and 18 Sept. [*I.* 76, *p.* 296.]

Sept. 20. Whitehall. Pres. Laurence to the President and Council in Scotland. Council have thought fit to continue Commissioner Eldred as Commissary of the provisions in Scotland; as there is a great account to be passed by him for the provisions that came to his charge, they desire that the account between him and the regiments may be speedily audited, and their state returned to Council, with a duplicate of the account, which may be sent to the Army Committee. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 296–7.]

Sept. 21. Whitehall. Proclamation by the Protector prohibiting delinquents from bearing office, or having any vote in the election of public officers:—

Whereas an Act was passed 8th Oct. 1852, that none sequestered or imprisoned for delinquency, or subscribing the treasonable engagement of 1647, or assisting the late King, should be capable to elect or be elected to any place of trust,—his Highness, foreseeing the dangers if such were in trust, and calling to mind the late horrid treason and rebellion carried on by the inveterate malice of that party, to involve these nations in blood and confusion, openly professing their design to set up that power which God has so eminently appeared against—declares his pleasure that special care be taken that all magistrates and ministers of justice be pious, discreet, and faithful, and that none of the aforesaid prohibited persons hold any office until his pleasure be further known, on pain of his displeasure, and penalties as disturbers of the peace and contemners of his Highness. All mayors, bailiffs, and officers, civil and military, to see this performed, as they will answer their neglect. [*I.* 76*A*, *pp.* 125–6.] Approved 21 Sept.

Sept. 21. The draft of the above proclamation read in Council, and referred to Sydenham, Desborow, Lambert, and Fiennes, to offer amendments, which were agreed to, and to be offered to his Highness. [*I.* 76, *p*, 297.]

Sept 21. **132.** Petition of Elizabeth, widow of Maj.-Gen. Jas. Haynes, to the Protector, for relief for herself and 4 children. Her husband lost most of his estate in preparing for and managing the expedition to the Indies, in which he died, and they are left in sad condition. [½ *page.*]

Sept. 21. Reference thereon in Council to Wolsley, Lambert, and Jones. [*I.* 76, *p.* 297.]

Sept. 21. **133.** Commission by the Protector to the Major-Generals. The old malignant and Popish enemies, after an Act of Oblivion, and many other favours, have designed a new and bloody war, and by correspondence with other discontented parties, resolved on a general rebellion, and executed it in many places; but it was suppressed by God's mercy, or a bloody war might have followed, as they had engaged the aid of foreigners, promising them on success some of our sea towns. Yet they still are stirring up new troubles, and engaging foreign princes to invade us, and will leave nothing unattempted to embroil us in war.

We have therefore raised a well-affected militia of horse, and as they need a commander to discipline and conduct them, we appoint you Major-General and Commander-in-chief in counties, ———, ———, ———, with full power to keep the said militia in good discipline, conduct them to fight against all enemies, traitors, &c., and resist, repress, and slay them. We give you power, in case of invasion or rebellion, to raise the inhabitants of the said counties, and to exercise, arm, muster, and conduct them to the places where we shall direct you, in case of rebellion.

As there may be causes why you cannot always exercise your office in person, we give you power to appoint a deputy with the same authority. All justices of peace and other civil officers to assist you. [*Draft, corrected,* 7½ *sheets.*]

Sept. 21. **134.** Instructions to the said Major-Generals. The same as those calendared 22 and 24 Aug., [*p.* 296 *supra*]. Adding.

To execute the additional orders following:—[*These orders are missing.* 2½ *pages, draft corrected.*]

Sept. 21. The draft of the commission for Major-Generals read in Council, amended, the title of Major-General agreed to be inserted, and passed; and some amendments to the instructions for the Major-Generals passed one by one, and agreed to. Approved 21 Sept. [*I.* 76, *p.* 297.]

Sept. 21. **135.** Petition of the lately reduced officers and soldiers in the Isle of Man to Council. We (being 2 ensigns, 2 corporals, 2 gentlemen of the arms, 2 drums, 2 matrosses, a marshal, a gunner's mate, and 60 soldiers) were reduced by an order of Council of 22 July last, out of the 2 companies in the island, but through contrary winds, we did not hear of it till 28th August; then some of us came for England, but the rest are obliged to wait for money to pay their debts. Having served 10 or 12 years, we beg that you would allow to us, as to the soldiers of Jersey, &c., what we have served for in a strange and remote country, that we may be encouraged to serve again if requisite. [⅔ *page.*] *Annexing,*

Sept. 21. Reference thereon to Commissary-Gen. Whalley and the Committee of officers for reducements, to enquire and certify. [*I.* 76, *p.* 299.]

Sept. 21. Council. Day's Proceedings.

12. Order—on report from the Admiralty Commissioners concerning the 2 vessels to be provided for Jamaica, and the necessaries deemed requisite to be sent, which would take up the whole stowage, also touching moneys for buying the clothes directed by Council's order of Sept. 19, to be provided for that island, the said provisions being estimated at 10,000*l.*, beside what is to be furnished by the Navy stores—that the Committee for Jamaica consider the said report, speak with the Admiralty Commissioners thereon, and report.

15. As John Talbot, receiver for the assessments in co. Devon, cannot pass his accounts without repayment or allowance of 2,559*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.*, advanced for paying 8 foot companies raised there by Sir John Coppleston, order to advise a warrant for payment to him of the said sum.

16. A report from the Admiralty Commissioners,—of information that great quantities of saltpetre have lately been imported, and that most of it is sold by the East India Company for export, which would be prejudicial at this present juncture, especially as the Act for making saltpetre shortly expires, and that therefore the Customs' Commissioners should be directed not to accept entries for export of saltpetre;—referred to the Customs' Commissioners, to consider and certify.

17. Order,—on report from the Committee on the petition of several of the Jurates and Common Council of Dover;—that Capt. Thos. Wilson, Wm. Cutlen, Thos. Day sen., John Price, Edw. Prescott, late of Dover, and Capt. Taverner, Governor of Deal Castle, examine if Thos. White was elected mayor by the majority of qualified voters, and report.

18. The petition of Thos. Wildren, minister of Marham-on-the-hill, co. Lincoln, referred by his Highness to Council, referred to Col. Jas. Berry, Capts. Fiennes, Hart, and Thompson, Mr. Humes, and Mr. Rawsen, to examine and certify.

20. Approval by the Protector of 28 orders, 29 Aug.—21 Sept. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 297–301.]

Sept. 21. Whitehall. Pres. Laurence to Col. Rob. Guibon, Governor of Jersey. Several gentlemen of Jersey have presented a petition to his Highness, that the execution of his letters Patent to you and others—concerning putting to composition all the inhabitants not within Articles [of war], other than such as are thereby pardoned, in respect of their small estates,—may be suspended till further examination, especially as the time of payment of their fines is limited to Sept. 29. As several have always been well-affected, and deserve to be distinguished from the ill-affected, his Highness referred the case to Council, who have passed several proposals for restraining the same to certain qualifications, the particulars of which are herewith sent you. We desire a speedy report of all proceedings. Meantime all rigorous proceedings in particular cases are to be forborne. [*I.* 76, *p.* 298.] *Annexing,*

I. *Qualifications for Compounders in Jersey:—*

1. *Such as have set forth any frigates against Parliament.*

2. *Such as bought prizes taken by the enemy for their own benefit, knowing them to be such.*

3. *Such as served as officers in military employment under the enemy, or voluntarily bore arms, or helped the enemy with money, horse, or otherwise.*

4. *Such as informed against or menaced any for their good affection to Parliament.*

5. *Such as manifested disaffection to Parliament, by contemptuous words against it, or by proceeding against persons who adhered to it.*

6. *Such as imposed any oath or tax on the inhabitants, while the island was in the power of the King.*

7. *Such ministers as adhered to the said King, and abetted the insurrection of the Isle are to compound for their temporal estates.*

8. *Such as had Articles [of war] to compound according to the rates agreed by those articles, provided they have not broken or forfeited the benefit thereof, by holding intercourse with Charles Stuart since that time.* [*I.* 76, *pp.* 298–99.]

II. *Rules [for levying the said compositions]:—*

The Commissioners are to receive informations, and to examine witnesses on oath for discovering the truth.

The rate for composition of all persons not excepted from pardon is not to exceed 2 years' value for lands, and the tenth for personal estate.

The Commissioners are to seize on the estates of all persons excepted from pardon, and all within any of the qualifications aforesaid, who shall not compound and pay in by Feb. 1.

They are to forbear any prosecution against any other persons by force of the said commission. [*I.* 76, *p.* 299.]

Sept. 21. **136.** Orders of the Protector and Council for securing the peace of the Commonwealth:—

1. All persons engaged against the person of his Highness or in any rebellion since 16 Dec. 1653, and their abettors, to be imprisoned or banished, and their estates sequestered, towards payment of the forces newly raised, ⅓ being allowed to their wives and children.

2. All others who adhere to the late King, or Charles Stuart his son, to be imprisoned or sent beyond seas.

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3. A tax to be levied on the estates of all who have been sequestered for delinquency, or have fought against Parliament, of 10 per cent. on all who have 100*l.* a year in lands, &c., and 10*l.* a year or 100*l.* total, per 1,500*l.* for personalty, to be paid ½ yearly, beginning 21 Dec. next; 100*l.* total on 1,500*l.* personalty, is to be paid by all who have no real estate worth 100*l.* a year, on pain of sequestration for non-payment; but the sequestration may be discharged on giving good security for the money, or otherwise assuring it by a rent-charge, &c.

4. Those who live loosely and cannot give an acount of themselves are to be sent to foreign parts.

5. From 1 Nov. 1655, none of the party are to keep in their houses chaplains, schoolmasters, ejected ministers, or fellows of colleges, nor have their children taught by such, on pain of double their proportion of the above tax.

6. None who have been, or shall be, ejected from any benefice, college, or school, for delinquency or scandal, are after 1 Nov. 1655, to keep any school, preach or administer the sacraments, marry persons, or use the Book of Common Prayer, on pain of 3 months' imprisonment; on a second offence, 6 months; and on a third, banishment; unless their hearts are changed, and they obtain the approval of the Commissioners for Public Preachers.

7. None to keep arms without license, on pain of imprisonment.

8. None who have been banished to return without license, on pain of banishment.

9. A competent number of Commissioners to execute these orders in each county, with power to examine on oath, send for records, &c. [2⅔ *pages, printed.*] *Annexing,*

136. I. *Instructions for the said Commissioners to execute the said Commission accordingly.* [1¼ *pages printed, one item MS.*]

[Sept. 21.] **137.** Copy of part of the above. [1½ *pages MS. Endorsed by Sec. Nicholas* 1 *Dec.* 1653. *Copy of the instructions given to Cromwell's Commissioners for their proceeding against all Cavaliers, &c.*]

Sept. 21. / Oct. 1. Cologne. [Sec. Nicholas] to Jos. Jane. It seems, as you say, that though Cromwell made bold to invade the King of Spain's dominions in the Indies, he scruples any act of hostility on this side the Tropics, or else Blake might have attempted the Spanish fleet that attends him on the coast of Spain. I wish he had, for I should be glad to see them at blows on this side the line. They say the Spanish fleet has arrived safely. I would not that Blake should have intercepted any of it, but only fought against it.

We hear of a league between Cromwell and Sweden against Poland and the house of Austria. I wish some about the old Princess Dowager or Mr. Beaumont could make you acquainted with the Spanish ambassador; you could direct him in many things, and he would esteem and benefit you.

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I wish 613 [Prince Maurice?] were made governor of some strong place of importance, for there may be intestine divisions among those States, and then a governor may be of great security.

Tell me whether Mrs. Harvey will procure an acquittance from the woman to whom Lord Gerard owes part of the money, and how she will have the 150 rix dollars returned her. Mr. Jo. Samborne presses me about the 500 livres you had from John Cole, and may put some affront on you about it. Say what note or receipt you gave him for it, that I may prevent the worst.

The chief reason of Heenvliet's sending for Oudart is to execute the commission about Lady Stanhope's fine, which he and Mr. Howard, whom we expect shortly, may do, and then he may be knighted before he marry his rich wife. Who is she?

Deliver the enclosed to the Queen [of Bohemia]. I suppose Sir Chas. Cotterell is still at the Brill. Lord Gerard writes that Sir Edw. Herbert is at Paris, so I know not for whom his lady has asked the liberty of Zealicon's garden to walk in at Ferburgh.

The Queen of Sweden passed through this city on Tuesday, with 7 coaches and a wagon, each with 6 horses. We expect the King and his company on Monday.

The Swedish ships before Dantzic take 4 guilders on a last of every vessel going in or out; it will be heavy on the States' subjects trading there, but the States will not oppose the Swedes in that enterprize, for fear of Cromwell.

The news of Cromwell's death is a fable, but as sure as he is mortal, he is extremely hated by all sorts of people, and in great want of money.

P.S.—If you fear danger from Samborne or Cole about the 500 livres, I will prevent it by engaging myself for payment. Tell Lord Rinswood I cannot answer him till the King and Princess return. The Swedes have never honoured an ambassador so much as the envoy sent by Cromwell to confirm a league with that Crown, and Cromwell caresses the Swedish ambassador above all others. [3 *pages*. *Holland correspondence.*]

Sept. 24. Chatham. **138.** Commissioner Peter Pett to Rob. Blackborne. All Gen. Penn's fleet will be paid off this evening. The Indian has come in to be graved, and the Norwich and Greyhound are ready to victual. The sessions are near, and one man is sent to gaol, and several others bound over, on suspicion of embezzling goods out of the yard. The punishment formerly inflicted was too small; I beg a letter from the Commissioners to the justices, to have the offenders punished according to law. It was promised before but not sent. I intend to be at the sessions. Mr. Godferne of Maidstone is to deliver the charge at the sessions. Wm. Hunt of Yalding is in gaol for stealing iron, and Jas. White of Maidstone bound over for stealing cables; both should be punished. I recommend Fras. Walter, steward of the Rainbow, and Wm. Cleggat, steward of the Pelican, for employment as pursers, having both been in the engagements with the Dutch. [1 *page*.]

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Sept. 24. Chatham. **139.** Commissioner Pett to the Admiralty Commissioners. As the time is near for the pensioners to apply for their quarterage, and several other poor creatures are waiting for relief for wounds received in the West India expedition, I send you an account of the state of the chest, by which you will see my disability to do anything, unless you advance 1,200*l.* to carry on the work until the next quarter. I was an eyewitness to all payments last midsummer, when 120*l.* a year was taken off of pensions amounting to 500*l.*, and I will take the like care that the charitable use is not misapplied. I was unwilling to spare Mr. Hayward, but hope you will give him all dispatch, that he may return to his duties. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

139. I. *Account by E. Hayward of the state of the chest at Chatham, the revenue for the last* 3 *years being* 14,953*l.*, *and the expenditure* 19,096*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.* *By reason of the non-payment of the greater part of the fleet for this year, when the ships are all paid, there will not be sufficient in the treasurer's hands to carry on the work for the year;* 1,200*l.* *must be provided by next quarter-day, and the residue as needs require, until the yearly revenue can answer the charge.* [1 *page.*]

Sept. 24. Chatham. **140.** Commissioner Pett to Robt. Blackborne. I send an information as to the embezzlement of some clothes out of the storeroom by Wm. Langley, servant to Robt. Fisher, the carpenter. I would not have troubled you had not the clerk of the check also lost some to a greater value, which it is believed Langley took. I have sent him up with 2 of Capt. Harrison's soldiers, and hope, if proved guilty, his punishment will be answerable to his offence. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

140. I. *Information of Thos. Swetman, steward of the Bear, and Wm. Damsell, his servant, relative to the said embezzlement.* [1 *page.*]

Sept. 25. **141.** Petition of Jane, Countess of Kildare, to the Protector. I beg money to supply pressing wants, and enable me and my children to return to Ireland. My husband lost his estate there by the late horrid rebellion. Parliament gave him the command of a regiment, with which he did good service, till it was reduced on your coming into Ireland. You then allowed him 2*l.* 6*s.* 0*d.* a week, to continue till his estate was in good condition; but it is still under ruin, and the pension not having been paid for 4 years, he has been made prisoner for debt in the Upper Bench, and been there several years. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 25. Whitehall. **142.** Reference thereon in Council to Jones, Pickering, Mulgrave, and Strickland, to examine how the pensions were granted and paid, and report. [½ *page; also I.* 76, *p.* 301.]

Sept. 25. **143.** Petition of the distressed inhabitants of Worting, co. Hants, to the justices of peace of the county, for leave to make a public collection, and a brief to pass through that and other counties for their charitable relief. By a fire there, 9 May 1655, which burnt to

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the ground the parish church, a farm house adjacent to the parsonage, the White Horse Inn, 6 other dwelling houses, 11 barns, and many goods, they lost 2,000*l.*, and are utterly destitute. They want habitations, and corn for sowing. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

143. I. *Certificate by Lord Ri. Cromwell and* 8 *other justices of the peace of co. Hants, to the truth of the petition.* 11 *July* 1655. [1 *page.*]

143. II. *Appeal by Rich. White, minister, and* 9 *inhabitants of Worting, to the benevolent, stating their case, and requesting that what is contributed may be paid to the minister and churchwardens.* [1 *page.*]

143. III. *Note of* 7*s. collected in Warnford, signed by Ben. Burnand, rector, &c.* [½ *page.*]

Sept 25. Order thereon in Council for a collection in cos. Hants, Sussex, Wilts, and Dorset. [*I.* 76, *p.* 302.]

Sept. 25. Additional rules and bye-laws made by the Court of Aldermen of London, for regulation of hackney coachmen, explaining ambiguities in former bye-laws,—

(1.) All keeping more than one hackney coach and 1 pair of horses to pay 40*s.* for each coach and pair to the treasurer of the fellowship, on pain of being dismissed from the fellowship, and not allowed to work within the limits.

(2.) No stage coachmen coming and going to let out their coaches for hire within the limits, under a penalty of 5*l.*

(3.) All who let to hire more coaches and horses than are allowed them to pay 40*s.*

(4.) No hackney coachmen to refuse to attend any person within the limits, or to take more than 1*s.* the hour, or to refuse to go anywhere within 12 miles, on pain of 5*s.* for the first offence, 10*s.* the second, and dismissal from the limits the third.

(5.) If any charge above the rates, refuse to be hired, make false excuses, or conduct himself uncivilly, he may be taken before any justice of peace or constable, who is to require him, after proof on oath, to pay the penalty, and return the over-charge; and in case of refusal, commit him to the House of Correction to a month's hard labour, without bail or mainprize; the proof to stand for one conviction towards his dismissal.

(6.) That hackney coaches may be seen and known, every coachman is to have his name and address in great white Roman letters, plain to be seen, on the back of his coach, on pain of fine.

(7.) Actions upon these bye-laws may be commenced in any Court of Record, without preparatory proof before the overseers of the fellowship.

(8.) If the offender cannot be arrested, then on proof on oath of the offence before the overseers of the fellowship, the coach and horses may be seized, and if the party do not appear or put in security within 10 days, may be appraised and sold, the fine and charges paid therefrom, and the overplus restored to the owners. All forfeitures to be recovered in the name of one of the overseers, and to be wholly to the use of the said fellowship. Presented by Maj.-Gen. Skippon, and approved by Council 25 Sept., and by the Protector 26 Sept. [*I.* 76*A*, *pp.* 131–3; *I.* 76, *pp.* 302, 308.]

Sept. 25. Note of a petition of Rowland Pitt, referred to the Committee for Petitions, that those tenants of Milton Manor, leased to him for a year 23 August last, who refuse to give him possession, or to pay their rents, may be summoned. Also for an order to Capt. Fauconbridge to pay him 19*l.*, balance due of 25*l.*, ordered him by the late Revenue Commissioners, in part of 2,800*l.* due to him from the late King. Order in Council for payment. [*I.* 92, *No.* 278; *I.* 76, *p.* 302.]

Like note of petition of John Massam, executor of Thos. Massam, for recall of the lease of Milton Manor granted to Pitt, and suspension of proceedings, he claiming the manor under a legal title, and the rent reserved on an extent discharged. [*I.* 92, *No.* 279.]

Sept. 25. **144.** Petition of Dr. Brune Ryves, and the undertakers for printing the Bible in the original and other learned tongues, to the Protector. We thank you for your countenance to our work in affording some paper free of duty, and especially for a late order for 1,000 reams of royal paper, which is not performed for the reasons annexed. We want 3,000 reams of ordinary paper, to print an introduction to the several languages, which for both Testaments will be 9, without which guide it would be to most men a book sealed up. If our own interests alone were concerned, we should not have asked further assistance, but the advancement of religion and the honour of the nation are concerned. Therefore we beg removal of the obstruction to the former order, and an order for the 3,000 reams duty free; or if both cannot be granted, the latter, which will only exceed the former grant by 40*s.* [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

144. I. *Custom House officers to Dr. Brune Ryves. We would gladly fulfil the order allowing you to import custom free* 1,000 *reams of paper for printing the Bible in Oriental languages, but now we can permit no goods to pass free, for we are ordered to pay all moneys on imports and exports every Monday into the Exchequer, so that we could only do it by paying* 26*l. out of our own purses, which we presume was not intended. But we will, if you wish, write to Council our readiness to obey, and request further directions, &c.* 4 *Sept.* 1655. [¾ *page.*]

Sept. 25. Order thereon in Council for a warrant to allow Ryves to import the 3,000 reams of ordinary paper, as requested. Approved 5 Oct. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 302, 326.]

Sept. 25. **145.** Petition of Wm. Pennoyer, merchant, to the Protector. I have been a great sufferer in Scotland 12 years since for a large debt, and spent 500*l.* in law, but could not recover it; the business was

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referred to English judges in Scotland, but they permitted Lord Craighall, who had been excepted against (as being formerly one of the judges when justice was obstructed) to sit amongst them, and, being divided in their opinions, two English men being for me, and two not fully satisfied, Craighall being then in the nature of a casting voice; I was forced to appeal to the late Parliament, which was dissolved before redress. I beg you to appoint a Committee of Council on my case, for I have all my proofs ready, and to satisfy me out of the estates of the wrong-doers. With reference thereon to Council, signed by the Protector, 17 Aug. 1654. [1 *page; also I.* 92, *No.* 224.]

Sept. 25. Reference thereon in Council to Wolsley, Jones, Rous, and Lisle, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 303.]

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4. Jones, Wolsley, and Lisle, added to the Committee for Petitions.

7. Lord-Commissioner Fiennes having hired Derby House, (which by order of Council was contracted for until Christmas, but has not hitherto been made use of,) to have liberty to enter into possession at once.

9. The report from the Committee on the petition of the inhabitants of the market town of Bromyard, co. Hereford,—referred back to the said Committee to speak with the petitioners about sueing forth a writ of "*Ad quod damnum*," and, on its return, to consider how far the granting of the days for holding fairs there may be convenient; also to consider the last part of the report, about designing the toll to the poor of the parish, and report. *Annexing,*

> **146.** I. *Report alluded to by Wolsley and Strickland, on their petition for 3 fair days to be added to their one,—they being impoverished by the marching of armies, public taxations, and smallness of their trade;—in favour of the said fairs, viz., the Thursday before the Annunciation, the Thursday before the Feast of St. James, and the Thursday before St. Luke's day, on which days it is alleged that no fairs are held within 20 miles of the town; the toll to be distributed among the poor by the vicar.* [1½ *pages.*]

10. A letter to the Lord President from Gen. Monk, of Sept. 6, 1655, and an enclosed paper touching the further reducement of the forces in Scotland, to the lessening of the charge 3,500*l.* a month, read, and referred to Lambert, Jones, and Sydenham, to report speedily.

12. Two letters to the Council in Scotland, in pursuance of orders of Sept. 5, on the several petitions of the Earl of Calendar and the Earl of Home, read and agreed to.

14. Copies of the said letters to be delivered to the petitioners, if they desire it.

15. 3 warrants for payment of moneys signed. [*I.* 76, *p.* 301–3.]

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Sept. 25. Plymouth. **147.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to the Admiralty Commissioners. I will give the seamen of the Hampshire money for their short allowances. They have been much displeased since they came in, but better this 2 or 3 days. I will dispatch the frigate with speed, but boatswain and carpenter's stores will be needed.

I informed Col. Clarke of the packet I received from his Highness, and what I presumed to do in this emergency of the service. The seizures and imbargoes in Spain made many a sad heart in the West, but they are in hopes the ships not yet arrived there may have timely notice of it. The captains of the Assistance and Constant Warwick have received their dispatches, and would have sailed but for want of men in place of those run. I delivered his Highness's packet for Gen. Blake to Capt. Potter, with instructions, if he failed to meet him, to go to the Straits' mouth, and give notice to all ships he should meet, bound to the dominions of the King of Spain, of the seizure and imbargo, and to require him, in his Highness's name, not to enter any of that King's ports. I have also given notice to Capt. Sparling to ply off the Bay of Biscay, for the same purpose, 20 days, and then return to the Soundings. I hope you will approve this. I am in a strait to answer his Highness's commands, and the expectations of the merchants. I hear that the Saphire and Nightingale have taken a Brest man-of-war of 10 guns, and that, understanding from some of her men the signs the Brest men-of-war made to each other, they have manned the frigate they took, and are plying about with her. [2 *pages, damaged.*]

Sept. 25. **148.** Vice-Adm. Wm. Penn to the Admiralty Commissioners. At request of Capt. Tickle, suspended by a Court-martial, I lay his case before you. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

148. I. *Statement by Wm. Bodham of the case between Capt. Tickle, captain, and Jno. Maddox, master of the Golden Falcon, respecting a complaint made against Maddox by the gunner, boatswain, and carpenter, of joining with Edw. Rand, clerk of the check, in making false tickets. The captain and master and the others were ordered, by sentence of court-martial, to be suspended, and their wages to be stopped until further orders.* [1 *page.*]

Sept. 25. Upnor Castle. **149.** Capt. Thos. Harrison to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have sent up two of my soldiers with the servant of the carpenter of the Bear, charged with attempting to steal clothes. I beg you to procure the dispatch of the soldiers back to the garrison. Commissioner Pett has sent up his examination to Mr. Blackborne. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 25. Upnor Castle. **150.** Capt. Thos. Harrison to Robt. Blackborne. To the same effect. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 26. **151.** Petition of Major Edw. Blagge to the Protector. I served the Commonwealth through the troubles at Plymouth, &c., and 532*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* is due to me, but I have not been able to recover it in the usual way, having been in foreign employment, and ready to go again. I beg payment, that my wife and 9 children may subsist during my absence. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 26. The order of 10 Sept. for payment of 273*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* to Abigail Flesher, out of Lord Saville's fine, vacated, as the money is to be paid another way, and the said sum to be paid instead to Major Edw. Blagge, with 26*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.*, making up 300*l.*, which he is to accept in total of his arrears of 532*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*, and deliver up his debentures. [*I.* 76, *p.* 307.]

Sept. 26. **152.** Petition of Hen. Barrington, Thos. Wade, John Furlie, Thos. Lawrence, and Rich. Green, aldermen, 6 assistants, and 7 common councilmen of Colchester, to the Protector. We hoped that our former addresses to you [*see* 9 *June* 1655] would have enabled us to live quietly, but find we are still left to struggle with those whose principles are opposite to the great ends of your undertakings. In spite of your prohibition, there has been a late election of officers for next year, more prejudicial than ever to those who fear the Lord. We therefore beg you to appoint a mayor or other person to govern the town according to the charter. [½ *sheet.*]

Sept. 26. **153.** Order thereon in Council that,—as several petitions and declarations of the aldermen and others have been referred by the Protector to Council, and while depending, Ald. John Radham has been elected mayor for next year, and as his Highness and Council wish full information,—Sir Rich. Everard, Bart., Sir Thos. Honeywood, John Gourdon, Fras. Bacon, Dionysius Wakering, Dudley Templer, and Chris. Erle, consider the said papers, enquire into the government of the town, and draw up the facts, and that meantime Thos. Reynolds, the present mayor, continue in office, and Radham forbear to act. [1½ *pages; also I.* 76, *pp.* 308–9.]

Sept. 26. **154.** Petition of Capt. Rob. Swanley of the Henry Bonadventure, betrayed to the Dutch whilst he was in the State's service by the Governor of Trapani, under power of the King of Spain, to the Protector and Council. I have been a suitor since 10 Dec. 1653, for satisfaction for losses amounting to 63,000*l.*, which will ruin me, and I know you are willing to relieve me, if an expedient could be found. I beg an order to the Treasury Commissioners to receive and allow me the benefit of discoveries of money due to the State, which I shall make. [1 *page*; *also I.* 92, *No.* 265.] *Annexing,*

154. I. *Capt. Swanley to Sir A. H. Cooper. I have been a suitor at vast expense since* 10 *Sept.* (*sic.*) 1653, *and have been referred* 10 *times from place to place and from Committee to Committee, as specified, my writings being lost when Parliament was dissolved, and therefore the Army Committee to whom my accounts for wages were referred,* 6 *April* 1654, *stated them* 400*l. short. I hope that this reference to you, Fiennes, the President, and Pickering, may be the last, and that I may know who is to demand satisfaction of the Spanish Ambassador.* 18 *Oct.* 1654. [1 *page.*]

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Sept. 26. Order thereon in Council that he be allowed $\frac{1}{5}$ of his discoveries towards the said damages, and the Treasury Commissioners are to receive and examine the same, and prosecute, reporting also the amount of his losses, that warrant may be issued for payment, as aforesaid. Approved, 13 Oct. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 309, 336.]

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4. The business of the French Treaty to be considered to-morrow.

8. The petition of the ministers and others, for the well-affected of Worcester city, referred to Mulgrave, Jones, Wolsley, Montague, and Pickering, to speak with Mr. Moore, and report.

10. Fiennes, Lambert, Jones, Desborow, and Pickering, to consider the matter in debate to-day concerning French wine, to meet this afternoon, and report.

11. The Treasury Commissioners to advise with the Army Committee about furnishing money quickly for the 6 troops of horse under Maj. Redman.

13. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 6 and 25 Sept. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 307–8.]

Sept. 27. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

3. Order on signification that several great sums are owing to the Commonwealth on bonds, by some that have lately raised great estates by letters of reprisal, that Jones, Strickland, and Sydenham, speak with Mr. Malyn, examine papers and witnesses, and report. The same Committee to learn what bonds due to the Commonwealth remain on record in the Admiralty Court, and to report.

6. **154***a*. The Admiralty Commissioners to order an exact account to be taken of the remains of stores brought home in Gen. Penn's fleet, and report.

7. Order on the report from Wm. Cullen and others, who were to examine if Thos. White were elected Mayor of Dover by the majority of voters,—that he had 27 free voices, and Valentine Tadnell, present mayor, only 10,—that the Committee on the petition of the jurates, &c. of Dover, speak with counsel, and report.

8. Order on Col. Twistleton's letter—certifying that his regiment of horse having been 6 months in London are 10 weeks in arrear, which, as provisions are so dear, makes them in great want of money to discharge their quarters, either in town or on the march;—that the Army Committee take order for their supply. With a letter to the said Committee accordingly. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 310–1.]

Sept. 27. / Oct. 7. Rotterdam. **155.** Luke Whittington to Sec. Nicholas. I will perform your commands to my utmost power. I am sorry my news of Cromwell's death did not prove true. I think with you that he will die a violent death, to which all honest and loyal subjects are bound to contribute their utmost endeavours, for his removal is the only way to settle his Majesty in his 3 kingdoms without much bloodshed. There is an honest, sober, and resolute man, who will undertake it if he may have his Majesty's authority, be restored to his ancestors' rights, now in the hands of rebels, as soon as the is King restored, and have 1,000 guilders to furnish him for the work.

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We hear that the King of Spain has declared war against the English, and seized all the English merchants' estates in Spain. Also that the Dunkirkers, or some Flanders ships, have taken 2 English ships on the coasts of England, therefore the King of Spain will doubtless give our King the free liberty of all his havens in Spain and Flanders. If so, I will ask you to procure me 10 or 12 commissions from his Majesty, with which I will undertake to set out ships, provided his Majesty will allow me 1,300*l.*, which I lent for his use to the Earl of Newcastle, Sir Thos. Glenham, Sir John Morley, Sir Thos. Riddell, and Sir Hugh Chomley, besides 13 years' service, losses, and sufferings. This 13,000*l.* to be paid me out of the 10 per cent.; if his Majesty expects 15ths, which comes to 16ths on this side, it will discourage merchants from setting out privateers here; experience tells me his profits will be more if he takes but $\frac{1}{10}$, as other kings do, than if he take 15 per cent. What profits I bring in more than the 13,000*l.* I will pay to his collector. There is no easier way for him to pay his debts. I will do my best to get ships and seamen from England.

We hear that Penn and Venables are prisoners in the Tower, and the whole kingdom must pay a year's assessment towards repairing the shattered navy, and paying the seamen and soldiers. [2 *pages.*]

Sept. 28. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Complaint being made by John Balderson, of Lambeth, that Theaura John has set up a tent on his grounds, and refuses to remove it, though it occasions the gathering of multitudes of people, and endangers the peace, Ald. Rob. Tichborne, and 3 other justices of peace for Surrey, are to see to its removal, and prevent tumultuous meetings.

6, 7. The report from the Committee on the Earl of Calendar's petition read, agreed to, and a letter ordered to be sent accordingly, instead of a letter passed Sept. 25, and a draft of the letter read and approved.

8. A report from the Committee on Gen. Monk's letter of Sept. 4—showing that the 800*l.* a month allowed for contingencies in Scotland is not enough, especially as the fortifications are not perfect, and would thus be rendered useless, and the provisions for them will be spoiled and embezzled, and proposing an increase to 1,800*l.* a month—agreed to, and his Highness to be advised to write to Monk to disband and reduce forces that will retrench 500*l.* a month, and to report. Also as 2,000*l.* a month of the assessment is allowed to be abated on such parts of Scotland as have been destroyed by the late war, order to advise his Highness to authorise Monk, in case any such parts be now able to pay, to charge on them so much as they can bear towards the making up of the said 1,800*l.*

9. Before passing the said report now presented, with a blank as to the sum to be raised by retrenchment of pay, the blank is to be filled up to 500*l.*

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10. Order on report from Col. Barkstead, and other officers, on the petition of Edw. Beck [*see* 25 *May* 1655], for a warrant for payment of 9*l.* 2*s.* to him and Rich. Swann, his mate, as due for 6 weeks' service, out of the Army's contingencies. *Annexing,*

156. I. *Report alluded to, Tower,* 8 *Sept.* 1655. [1 *page.*]

11. Order on a report from Com.-Gen. Edw. Whalley and the Committee of Officers, on the reference of the proposals of Capt. Benj. Gifford, Governor of Landguard Fort, that the Army Committee issue warrants to pay 4*s.* a day for a chaplain, and 1*s.* a day each to 2 boatmen, who are to be allowed to that garrison, and that henceforth they receive but 10 pensioners, and those such as are able to do duty. Approved 5 Oct. *Annexing,*

157. I. *Report alluded to, signed by Whalley, Goffe, and Fras. White; with the order of reference of* 1 *Aug. prefixed.* [1 *page.*]

14. The foot company under Capt. Geo. Westby, consisting of a captain, lieutenant, 2 ensigns, 2 serjeants, 3 corporals, 1 drum, and 68 privates (amounting to 94*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* a month), to be added to Hull garrison, and the Army Committee empowered to order payment of their arrears from July 23 last, and of their future pay with the garrison. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 312–4.]

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Pres. Lawrence to Thos. Young, Hen. Hill, jun., Edm. Giles, and John Smith. The ministers and other well-affected of Worcester have petitioned his Highness, and on his reference of the the matter to Council, they, in order to learn the whole truth, refer the original petition to you, desiring you will examine the present elected mayor and sheriff, and other witnesses, and report the true state of the matter. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 312–3.]

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Whitehall.

Pres. Lawrence to the Assessment Treasurers of co. Salop. His Highness and Council are informed that the Army Committee have charged you with warrants for payment of a month's pay to the Irish troops under Maj. Redman, to be transported to Ireland; and that you have told them it cannot be paid this 3 weeks, which retards their transportation. We therefore inform you that any delay would be very prejudicial, and desire you to advance, or in some way provide the pay, and reimburse yourselves from the next money coming in. [*I.* 76, *p.* 312.]

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158. Sec. Nicholas to Jos. Jane. I find your Hogen Mogens [the States general] are slow of belief of a conjunction between Sweden and Cromwell, but it is believed in England and Germany, and Rolt, Cromwell's envoy to Sweden, has gone after that King to Poland. Both are full of ambition, and too far off to cross each other's designs.

Cromwell has fitted Penn and Venables with safe lodgings in the Tower, after their long and tedious voyage, that they may safely rest till he frees them from all pain and danger. It is probable that the English are beaten out of Jamaica, and that the rest of

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their army and ships are lost, or we should hear more of them. Cromwell has told the merchants in England that the King of Spain has declared war against the English, but no such order has come into Flanders, and they will not meddle with any English goods or ships till some time after such an order, the ancient leagues between England and Burgundy providing that before any war, time should be given to the merchants on both sides to retire with their estates. We do not hear that the English have seized goods or ships of Flanders merchants.

The Queen of Sweden certainly went to mass daily as she passed, and as soon as she has received the Pope's absolution and benediction, she will declare herself a Roman Catholic.

I am confident the states of Holland dare not assist Dantzic, what show soever they make of sending ships north. I hear Cromwell has required them by express not to hinder the King of Sweden in his designs against Dantzic and Poland. Enquire if there be not such a letter from Cromwell to the States, his vassals. No doubt the Eastland trade is of great concern to the Dutch, but the curbing them therein is one of the ways agreed on by Sweden and Cromwell to lessen their commerce.

Mr. Oudart is here, and is likely to have the honour he expects. The 150 rix-dollars are paid by Mrs. Harvey's directions to Mr. Fox. I shall ask John Samborne to prevent any proceedings against you, but I fear nothing but ready money will do it. If you have Mr. Cole's note for the money for which I had the King's note, it must be returned on payment.

All English ships and goods are seized in Spain, 32 being arrested at Malaga and Cadiz. Blake is in the river of Lisbon to victual, and then join with some Portuguese ships against Spain.

Cromwell is very full of perplexities, and in great want of money. His greatest hopes are in a strait conjunction with the King of Sweden, which he labours by all means to effect. Prince Rupert waited on the King at Frankfort, and the Elector Palatine sent his steward to invite him to Heidelberg, but he excused himself; we expect him here this week.

P.S. Tell me whether my letter for Albert Moreton was delivered. The King may not come till next week, having gone from Frankfort to meet the Queen of Sweden. [$2\frac{2}{3}$ *pages.*]

Sept. 29. Dover Castle. **159.** Capt. Thos. Wilson to Col. Thos. Kelsey, Lieut. of Dover Castle. I am sorry you cannot pitch upon a time for coming down. I hope you will be here next week, as I wish you present at the sitting about scandalous ministers on Monday week. I hear that Mr. Hearne has got the 6 preachers' place, worth 30*l.* a year, from St. John's parish in Thanet, which now renders it of very inconsiderable means, and the parish is very great, there being 2,000 inhabitants and their families. Capt. Sheareman writes that he has laboured against it what he can, and that it will be lost if you do not interpose. It is an unworthy thing in Mr. Hearne to move in it. I hope we shall shortly receive some more warrants.

I enclose a petition signed by 8 of the jurates and 4 of the common council, the rest being dissatisfied with the government, or neutral.

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They beg you to present it to your Council, and labour to obtain an order therein, as they are willing to serve the corporation, so that they could answer their consciences, and do the good they desire, which they are confident would be in this alteration. If it cannot be obtained, they resolve to quit their places next year; their loss would be a great blow to the good of the corporation and the government of the town. I hope you will obtain what they request, as all the neighbouring corporations enjoy that privilege. If your report was read at the Council's meeting it, would be very convenient, and much help to dispatch it. [1 *page.*]

Sept. 30. The Bristol, Cascaes. **160.** Capt. Robert Clarke to [Capt. Dunquam, Governor of Lagos]. I came by order of the States of England, with two ships laden with provisions for Gen. Blake's fleet, but find the General has gone for England, and had left an order with you, of which I have seen a copy. As I understand the Spanish fleet lies off the Southern Cape, so that there is apparent danger to come with the frigates under my command to Lagos, I desire you will send me the General's original order. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

160. I. *Gen. Blake to Capt. Dunquam, Governor of Lagos. Some ships may shortly come from England designed for the fleet under my command. Having had experience of your affection and civility, I trouble you with the enclosed for the commanders of those ships, and request you to send it to them immediately on their arrival. The George, Cascaes Road,* $\frac{7}{17}$ *Sept.* 1655. [$\frac{1}{4}$ *page. Copy by Capt. Rob. Clarke.*]

160. II. *Gen. Blake to the said Commanders. I give you notice that I am returning with my fleet to England, and I wish you to return thither, unless you have special order to the contrary. Cascaes,* $\frac{7}{17}$ *Sept.* 1655. *With note by Barnabe Crofford that he translated this from a paper sent by Capt. Duncome to the King* [*of Portugal*]. 8 *Oct.* 1655. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *page.*]

Sept.? **161.** Petition of John Catterall, condemned prisoner in Newgate, to the Protector. On my address to you, you granted an order to the sheriffs for London and Middlesex, for my "delivery from a place of so much horror and confusion," that I might serve you at sea, which is my desire; but the sheriffs refuse to obey the order unless sealed, so that I am in worse condition than before. I beg you to look on my starving condition, and grant a second order, that I may not perish in a loathsome dungeon in the flower of my age. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

161. I. *The Protector to the sheriffs of London and Middlesex. By a warrant of* 20 *July, we ordered John Catterall, prisoner in Newgate, convicted of felony and burglary, and condemned to die, to be reprieved and transported to the West Indies; but on his petition, we now wish him to have liberty to go to sea in our service, in the Adventure, or some other ship. You are therefore to discharge*

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him, and he is to remain constantly in service at sea, performing his duty faithfully. Whitehall, 22 *Aug.* 1655. [¾ *page, Copy.*]

[Sept.] **162.** Answer by Wm. Astell to the report about him sent by the Prize Commissioners to Council. It was Mr. Violet, not my wife and I, who accused Ab. Johnson of perjury. I repeated it because Johnson said he had spent 300*l.* in maintaining me and the rest of the witnesses, whereas he never spent a penny, for all the charge lay on me, and he said a thing one day and denied it the next. I have not been perfidious, as he accuses me. The Commissioners join me with Mrs. Pembridge, but she had nothing to do with it. I only asked them for my charges in lying 4 months on the Thames, but am not yet paid.

Dr. Walker said that no one came in on the case except Mr. Violet, and so the *onus probandi* was cast upon them, but I had given in my paper long before to the Commissioners of Prize Goods, and thought they would look after it. I showed a copy to Dr. Walker when I heard the Spanish agent plead, and he was angry because it was not brought in before, which was the Prize Commissioners' fault.

It was the long delay, and the death of some of our witnesses that caused the claimers' proofs to be more effectual than ours. The Commissioners say they have paid me 5*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* more than ever I have received. [4 *pages, containing beside the above, much repetition of his other statements.*] *Annexing,*

162. I. *Depositions on* 39 *interrogatories of Urian Marteson.* [5¼ *pages.*] *Also,*

Information of Roger Thorpe as to the taking of 2 *bars of silver by the gunner of the George,* 30 *Jan.* 1654–5. [1¾ *pages.*] *Also,*

Answer of Wm. Astell, surgeon, of Allhallows, Barking, aged 60, *to* 10 *interrogatories,* 13 *Oct.* 1653. [3 *pages.*]

162. II. *Further depositions of Urian Marteson,* 7 *Aug.* 1655. [2 *pages.*]

162. III. *Certificate by Geo. Parker that Ab. Johnson did not maintain Wm. Astell nor Wm. Pembridge with meat or drink in his house.* 22 *Sept.* 1652. [*Scrap.*]

162. IV. *Affidavit of Barbara, wife of Wm. Astell, that when Ab. Johnson had been examined several times about the silver ships, he would come no more, and told her he would be hanged before he would come, unless he knew what he should have; she persuaded Mr. Arnold to send for him, which was unusual, as those that come in for the State should come freely, and then he and Urian Marteson both were examined at the Admiralty Court, in Sept.* 1653. 24 *Sept.* 1655. [1 *page.*]

162. V. *Depositions of Ab. Johnson's witnesses, in the case of the Samson, &c., viz.:—*

Rich. Chambers, 20 *Sept.* [¾ *page.*]
Hen. Groome. [¼ *page.*]

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162. VI. *Certificate by Edw. Bendall, rector of Cotgrage, co. Notts, that he found on enquiry that Johnson was the prime discoverer, and that Astell and the others who wished to share in the premium had no right thereto; and that he promised to try to get Johnson a reward from the Prize Commissioners, if he would not join the others. Attended the Commission thereon, when the objections raised were,—*

1. *Whether Johnson was the primary discoverer?*
2. *That they could pay nothing till it was fully proved that the ships were prizes.* [3 *pages.*]

Sept. **163.** Notes of proceedings in the Admiralty Court, 12 May—19 Sept. 1655, touching the Hare in the Field, and the claims of Peter Mackree, a Dutchman, Anth. Guyot, a Spaniard, and others named; with order that the Commissioners for Prize Goods are not to land any goods upon which there is any dispute as to the marks, until such disputes are cleared. [6 *pages.*]

Sept.? **164.** Mrs. Aiscough to "honest Abigail" [Williamson]. Fortunes good and bad have kept me in continual agitation. When I was in London, Mrs. Lenthall enquired for Abigail, and remembered the whole story of the broken-eared glass. I wish you could have been here during my stay, but the revolution is come too early, our best friend being dead, my cousin John gone to London, and I and John Denton to go next week. Your sister Faith is after Dick Milner, and I will not warrant Jane if a good husband come. Endorsed with a list of titles of books. [1½ *pages.*]

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Oct. 2. Note of the reading in Council, and approval by the Protector, of articles of agreement between Gen. Monk and John, Lord Reay. 18 May 1655.

(1.) Lord Reay and all his horsemen to come in 28 days to a place near Inverness to be appointed by Col. Fitch, and deliver up their arms to him.

(2.) He to give security in 2,000*l.* for his peaceable deportment, and Hugh Mackay of Dilred, Hugh Mackay of Scowry, Robert, Donald, and William Mackay, to be bound in the said bond, and have protection from arrests while they come in to enter the bond. George, Master of Reay, son to Lord Reay, shall, when the Commander-in-chief desires it, be sent to reside at such of the Scotch Universities as Lord Reay shall choose, for performance of these articles. The officers, &c., in the capitulation to give security for their good conduct in the usual sums, from 300*l.* to 50*l.*, and the private soldiers their engagements.

(3.) The officers to march away with horses and swords, and the soldiers with horses, which they are to sell in 3 weeks, and to have passes home. Lord Reay and his friends and followers to have leave to carry arms for defence against thieves and broken men, in their own bounds.

(4.) Lord Reay and his party to enjoy their estates, unless they have killed men in cold blood, any act since 1648 during the late wars notwithstanding, they submitting to public burdens. Those who have lands in Ireland disposed of are not to claim them, but to enjoy them if undisposed of.

(5.) All Reay's past assess remitted till 1 Sept. last, and whenever Col. Fitch or the officers commanding in Caithness send for him about public affairs, he is to pass and repass without molestation by messengers-at-arms.

(6.) All who conceal or embezzle their arms to lose the benefit of these articles.

(7.) If there be any house of strength within Lord Reay's bounds that the commander-in-chief in Scotland requires to be garrisoned, Reay is to give it up.

(8.) These articles to be ratified by the Protector and Council within 3 months, and returned. [*I.* 76*a*, *pp.* 149–150. *I.* 76, *p.* 317.]

Oct. 2. Like note of approval of an agreement with William, Earl of Selkirk. 19 May 1655.

(1.) The Earl and his party to repair to Dalkeith and lay down their arms to Gen. Monk.

(2.) The Earl to give security in 4,000*l.* for his peaceable demeanour, and his servants to give like engagements.

(3.) All discharged from forfeitures or punishment from matters done in the wars, murder in cold blood excepted, they bearing the common burdens, and to be freed from all fines named in the Act of Grace.

(4.) The Earl to have liberty within 2 months to go abroad and return, and a recruit allowed him of 1,000 men every 2 years for his regiment in France, provided the Protector assent.

(5.) Major Wm. Moorhead of his party to have the like benefits, giving a bond of 500*l.* within 6 weeks to Capt. Hilliard for his good conduct.

(6.) These articles to be ratified by the Protector and Council within 3 months. [*I.* 76*a*, *p.* 150; *I.* 76, *p.* 317.]

Oct. 2. **1.** Petition of Col. John Bingham, Governor of Guernsey, to the Protector and Council. The inhabitants have always been allowed appeal from their own courts to the Kings, Queens, and Councils; but some have long attended at great charge, on appeals in Mr. Jessop's hands. Begs a hearing for them, that they may be enabled to return home. With reference thereon to Council 20 Sept. 1655. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 2. Order thereon in Council that Whitelock and Widdrington, 2 of the Treasury Commissioners, the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, the Recorder of London, and John Sadler and Nath. Bacon, Masters of Requests, receive all appeals of the inhabitants of Guernsey, hear the parties, enquire into the truth of the cases, and report to Council, with their opinions. [*I.* 76, *p.* 317.]

Oct. 2. **2.** Petition of Thos. Browne, late English agent at Tunis, to the Protector. On the late breach with the Governor of Tunis, I was obliged, for my safeguard, to retire to the fleet under Gen. Blake, and leave all I had, both of my own and others', to the Turks' depredation, whereby I and the friends who trusted me will lose much unless the differences be composed. I beg you to empower Sir Thos. Bendish, ambassador at Constantinople, to conclude these differences, and re-establish me as consul; and meanwhile to grant me money for present subsistence, and for a voyage to Constantinople for better effecting the premises. I am emboldened to ask this because you so lately confirmed me in my employment. With reference thereon to Council, the petitioner having deserved well in the Tunis business, and being worthy of further trust. 26 Sept. 1655. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 2. Order thereon in Council to write to the said ambassador to do what he can, in re-settling that affair, to repair Browne's losses, and obtain restitution of the estate he left behind, and to re-establish him in his place. [*I.* 76, *p.* 318.]

Oct. 2. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Mr. Strickland to give direction for the entertainment of the Venetian Ambassador Extraordinary, and to take order with Fleming that Lady Williams' house be prepared for him.

2–4. Bond to be steward for ordering his diet, which is to be 50 dishes for the first and second course, and 30 dishes of fruit and sweetmeats for each meal; as also a convenient allowance for the table of his followers for 7 meals. Bond to give account of the 300*l.* ordered him therefor from the Council's contingencies, to the Auditors of the Imprest.

5, 6. Bond to provide plate for the entertainment, and a convenient number of Council messengers to wait on him at table.

7. Pickering and Strickland to receive him and conduct him to his lodgings at Lady Williams' house.

8–10. The Lord President and Lisle to dine with him on Thursday; Fiennes and Lambert on Friday; and Sydenham and Jones on Saturday.

11. Order—on report from the Committee on the case of Dav. Clarkson and Edw. May [*see* 17 *Aug.* 1655], and on certificate of Col. Blunt that May was in actual rebellion in Kent, and on the defeating of that rebellion, was banished as a dangerous person 10 miles from Crayford—that Clarkson officiate in the rectory, and enjoy the profits without disturbance from May, and that May conform thereto at his peril. Approved 5 Oct.

12. Order that May, who is committed to the Serjeant-at-arms on Clarkson's prosecution, be released.

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17. Order on petition of the Earls of Home and Hartfell, and Sir Rob. Douglas, that all executions against them be suspended for 14 days after their arrival at Edinburgh, or longer if necessary, to enable them to prosecute the business referred in their behalf to the Council in Scotland. Approved 5 Oct.

18. The business of the fleet to be considered next Thursday, and his Highness to be desired to be present.

19. A certificate of Sept. 28 from the Customs' Commissioners, in pursuance of an order of Sept. 21, read.

20. The petition of divers of the jurates and common council of Sandwich, co. Kent, referred to Desborow, Lambert, Strickland, and Mulgrave, to call for the report passed by the late Council of State, and report.

21. Several volumes of the new Atlas to be bought for Council's use, and the globe hitherto standing in the Council Chamber to be brought in again.

22. The paper presented to his Highness subscribed by Col. Bullar, and another called "the humble desire of your Highness's army in America," referred to the Committee on the Jamaica business to report.

25. Order—on report from the Committee for Petitions, on reference of 23 Aug. 1654, of the petition of Anne Holland—that she be allowed a weekly pension of 10*s.* till further order. *Annexing,*

3. I. *Report alluded to, that Capt. Rob. Holland was a captain of foot in Windsor garrison under Col. Venn; that from* 7 *Oct.* 1642 *to* 3 *June* 1644, 2,585*l.* 19*s.* 10*d. was due to him, and* 2,239*l.* 11*s.* 9*d. paid, and a debenture for the balance of* 346*l.* 8*s.* 1*d., which he had disbursed to his company, was given him by the Militia Commissioners of London; that on* 21 *June* 1653, *the Council of State ordered her* 50*l. out of Goldsmiths' Hall, and the rest to be charged on Irish lands, which having proved fruitless, she begs it may be made good from Dean and Chapter lands; and that she is a modest person, and in great want. Signed by Strickland and Rous.* [1 *page. See also I.* 92, *No.* 233.]

26. The petition of the mayor, and other well-affected aldermen and common council of Lincoln, referred to Mulgrave, Lisle, Jones, and Strickland, to report.

28. A report from the Treasury Commissioners on the case of Sam. Walsall of London read again. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 313–7.]

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Sec. Nicholas to Jos. Jane. I have not read in the prints that Col. Butler was to make a relation of the West Indies' business, but I do not doubt Cromwell would not proceed against Penn and Venables as he has done, without the seeming concurrence of the colonels of the army and his Council. He has committed them, and may try them for their lives to vindicate his wisdom, that it may not be thought he failed in laying that design, but they in executing it. If Blake should, on Cromwell's rough usage of Penn and Venables, consider before he puts himself in such a tyrant's power, it may much prejudice the arch-villain (Cromwell.)

If the King of Spain had declared war in Flanders against Cromwell, as he has done in Spain, by seizing all English ships and goods, I believe some of Blake's fleet might come into the ports of Flanders, to offer their service to our master.

I hear from Zealand that a great fleet of Turks has come into the channel, and taken one of their ships. The Turks say that by the late treaty with Blake, they have the freedom of the English harbours, and have been to Falmouth for provisions. At this the Zealanders storm extremely, as they have reason, for if the Turks have such liberty, they will destroy the trade of the Dutch and all others, and appropriate it only to Turks and rebels.

If there a Camden's Elizabeth in English at the Hague, buy it for me, and send it when you can. Capt. Umpton Crook, who at South Molton took Penruddock and Grove, and then perfidiously denied them their articles, has lately been knocked on the head with a bowl in Oxfordshire.

The Parliament at Paris has concluded that the archbishopric there is vacant, and the King free to make a new archbishop. I did not think any Court Parliament in France would have made such an arrest in ecclesiastical matters.

I hear Cromwell wrote soundly requiring the States general, or those of Holland, to forbear sending any ships of war into the Baltic, to disturb the Swede's proceedings against Poland, and the States have most gallantly submitted to his rebellious worship's order, and laid aside their preparations to assist their friends in Dantzic. Get a copy of his letter if you can.

Sir Wm. Lower, lately come from England, says Cromwell is so indisposed in mind and body that he cannot live long. A libel has lately been printed, particularizing his perfidies, falsehoods, perjuries, &c. The composer, an Anabaptist, was apprehended, avows it, and says he is prepared to prove it by Cromwell's writings, or sufficient witnesses. He is not so much as imprisoned.

The Portugal ambassador at Paris says that the Spanish fleet has beaten Blake into the port of Lisbon, and pursued them so hard that Blake was forced to take protection for them under the castle of Giron, which guards that port.

I am glad you know the Spanish ambassador; he will be pleased to converse with you about English affairs. We expect the King to-night or to-morrow. I send you Sir Wm. Curtius' relation of his meeting the Queen of Sweden, and of the Elector Palatine's base neglect of the King; but keep it to yourself, and let none of the good Queen of Bohemia's family see it, but Sir Chas. Cotterell. It it strange how confident our best politicians are that the King will soon be invited into Flanders by the King of Spain. I do not think that King will so suddenly and heartily embrace our master's interest, having observed how slow his Majesty's party in England are to rise for him, how much he is entangled in the snares of

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France, and how many about him are suspected for their loyalty. Yet I think he will remove hence shortly, because this always happens when I get settled in a place.

P.S.—I send you an intelligence from London; keep the first part of it to yourself. [3 *pages, Holland corres.*]

Oct. 2. **4.** Geo. Williamson to his brother Joseph, at Queen's. I rejoice in your health, and will strain myself to give you all I can spare. I send you the 20*s.* by Mr. Halton, whom I did not see. I will see what I can do about a young nag. My mother is well recovered. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 3. **5.** Petition of Hen. Bedingfield, of Billingford, Norfolk, to the Protector, for release on good security, for preservation of his poor wife and children. Has not acted against the laws, or done anything to incur displeasure, yet has been detained prisoner 12 weeks, though the subsistence of his family depends on him. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 3. Order in Council thereon that his name be inserted into the list of prisoners this day read, who are to be released on security. [*I.* 76, *p.* 320.]

Oct. 3. **6.** Petition of the Walloon congregation at Norwich to the Protector. Being Protestants, we left our native country in times of persecution, and have always found this country a sanctuary, having patents from Edward VI. and his successors for exercise of our religion in our native language, and for the use of our trades, and we have always contributed to our ministry and poor. But being chiefly handicraftsmen, we have lately been hindered in setting to work strangers who repair hither for the free exercise of their religion, so that we are much diminished, and shall be ruined without remedy, and Protestants abroad will be discouraged from coming here.

Norwich was the first place that received Protestant strangers, who taught the English several woollen manufactures, which have enriched the nation, and we have been upheld by former princes, and by the mayors and aldermen of this city. We beg the same privileges from you, that we may maintain our poor, pay our taxes, &c. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

6. i. *Certificate by Thos. Anguish, mayor, and the justices of peace and aldermen of Norwich, that in 7 Eliz. many aliens were admitted to the city to make "outlandish commodities of new device," as buffins, mackadoes, valures, sayes, bombasines, taffety, fustians, &c., which have set many poor to work. These have been succeeded by others, who submit to the city government, and have officers yearly sworn before the mayor, to see that their manufactures are not fraudulent, and to punish offenders; that they are profitable to the State, and have not one beggar among them.* 10 *Dec.* 1611. [6 *pages.*]

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6. II. *Order in Council—on petition of the woollen weavers of the new draperies in Norwich, complaining of an information against them in the Crown Office for bringing up their children and servants to their trade without binding them apprentice, that—as the Walloons are a special society, governed by the Mayor, &c., of Norwich, and have been always exempt from this Statute, and have deserved well by free contributions towards the present loan, as reported by the Earl of Northampton, Lord Lieutenant of the county—they shall enjoy toleration in religion and trade, and all informations against them on the Statute for Apprentices shall be discharged. Whitehall,* 29 *March* 1612. [2 *pages, copy.*]

Oct. 3. Reference in Council of the foregoing petition to Rous, Desborow, Skippon, and Strickland, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 322.]

Oct. 3. **7.** Petition of Thos. Fothergill, surgeon to the Protector's horse regiment, to Council. Has but 6*s.* a day in England, and 9*s.* 6*d.* a day in Scotland, to maintain self, servants, and 3 horses, which is far short of a subsistence; begs 20*l.* for a chest of medicaments, to be always ready, and 5*s.* a day more pay, from the contingencies in Scotland. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 3. Order thereon that the Army Committee issue a warrant for 10*l.* for his chest, and that Lord Lambert write to Gen. Monk to add something to his pay of 9*s.* 6*d.* a day in Scotland. [*I.* 76, *p.* 322].

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3. **8.** The Admiralty Commissioners to advise with Mr. Pett how 4 advice boats may be speedily built, so as to go with most expedition, and report thereon, with the charge of building.

6. The President presents the draft of a bond to be entered into by the persons now in prison, which was read, altered, and passed, the condition being that they shall not plot nor conspire against the Protector or present Government; that they shall reveal any plots, &c., that come to their knowledge to his Highness and Council, or to the justices of peace; and that they shall appear on summons for one year.

7. Lambert presents a list of those lately apprehended and sent prisoners to Yarmouth, Mersey, Lynn, and London, viz.:—

Gentlemen of Essex.

Sir Ed. Peirce, of Colchester.
John Robinson, „
Mr. Roberts, of Braxted.
Sir John Tirrell, of Sternegate.
Gamaliel Capel.
Sir Hen. Appleton, of Baddow.
Rich. Boothby, of Wanstead.
Rich. Symonds, of Blacknothy.
Salter Harris.
Thos. Argoll, of Baddow.
Dr. John Johnson, of Sandall.

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Sir Benj. Ayloff, of Braxted.
Mr. Freize, „
John Brown, of Elmden.
Maj. Smith, of Blackmore.
Wm. Burroughs, of Woodford.
Sir Francis Cook, of Pleshy.
Rich. Humphreys.
Sir Wm. Hicks.
Sent to Yarmouth.

Hen. Lemon, of Stanaway Hall.
Wm. Barradell, of Colchester.
Capt. Barker, „
Sent to Mersey.

Gentlemen of Suffolk.

Sir Wm. Pooley, of Badley.
Capt. Cheaney, of Eye.
Col. Rolston.
„ Gosnall, of Otley.
John Brooke, of Bury.
Maj. Stanton, of Cavenham.
Sackvile Glenham, of Glenham.
Benj. Cutler, of Sproughton.
Edw. Rookswood, of Enson.
Thos. Allen, of Lowestoft.
Mr. Abell, late of Frodsham, Essex.
„ Gurdon, of Broome.
Henry Bedingfeild, of Billingford.
Sent to Lynn.

Gentlemen of Norfolk.

Mr. Gamball, of Downham.
John Disney, „
David Dobbs, „
Jarvice Ashton, „
Dr. Bradley, of Swaffham.
Sir Edm. Mumford, of Wrettam.
Rich. Martin, of Ashill.
Ralph Piggott, of Stredsett.
Capt. Wm. March, of Lynn.
„ Wharton, „
„ Walter Kirby, „
„ John Moss, „
Sent to Yarmouth.

Maj. Bradbury.
Mr. Townsend, of Wrettam.
Peregrine Tasburgh, „
Dr. Lewin, of Ludham.
Capt. Hammond, of Ellingham.
Mr. Armstrong, of Holt.
„ Howlett, of Mattshall.
Sent to Lynn.

Gentlemen of Cambridge.

Thos. Chichesly.
Col. Sam. Thornton.
Maj. Storie.
Rob. Bell.
Thos. Nightingale.
Sent to Lynn.

Gentlemen of Norfolk.

Sir Ralph Skipwith, formerly in custody at Yarmouth.
Col. John Paston.
„ Cobb.
„ Benningfeild.
Hammond le Strange.
John Arminger.
Edw. Hubbert, of Holt.
Maj. Walgrave, of Haynford.
„ Fletcher, of Rudham.
Col. Bedingfeild, of Ashill.
Capt. Springall.
„ Wm. Bedingfeild, of Ashill.
Roger le Strange.
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9. The above-named prisoners to be released forthwith, on security given according to the tenor of the preceding bond, and Major Hezekiah Haynes to see it done.

10. The report from the Committee on Monk's letter of Sept. 6, about reducements of the forces in Scotland, and the paper of proposals thereon read and agreed to, and an order passed that the following reducement be made:

	A month.		
	£	*s.*	*d.*
3 foot companies, abating - - -	348	12	0
The drum majors in 12 regiments only, 1 drum in the Colonel's company allowed 6*d.* a day extra - - -	16	16	0
Four trumpeters out of the Colonel's troops, at 10*s.* 8*d.* a day - - -	14	18	8
Six privates out of each company in 12 regiments - - - -	756	0	0
	1,136	6	0

Monk to cause the said reducement to be made accordingly. Approved 5 Oct.

12. Order on report from the Committee on the petition of Elizabeth, widow of Maj.-Gen. Haynes, slain in America, that 400*l.* be granted her in full of arrears of pay for himself and servants in the expedition; that lands worth 150*l.* a year from delinquents' estates be settled on her and her children, and that the said Committee consider where the money and lands can best be had. Approved 5 Oct. *Annexing,*

9. I. *Report on which the said order is founded, signed by Lambert, Desborow, and Jones.* [1 *page.*]

13. Order on a report from the Lord Mayor of London and other Commissioners for the Protestants in Savoy on the petition of Christiana Uldrick [*See* 19 *Sept.* 1655]—advising 100*l.* for the losses of her and her children in the valleys of Piedmont, in regard of the great numbers to be relieved, though a larger supply is required;—that Sir Chris. Pack, Lord Mayor, and Sir Thos. Vyner, the treasurers, pay her the said sum. *Annexing,*

10. I. *Report alluded to, signed by Pack, Sir John Trevor, Edw. Cressett, Joseph Carill, and Edm. Calamy.* 25 *Sept.* 1655. [1 *page.*]

14. The petition of Lionel Beecher, merchant of Bideford, co. Devon, referred to Sydenham, Jones, Desborow, Lisle, and Strickland, to report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 318–322.]

Oct. 3. Navy Office. **11.** The Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. The Auditors of Imprest, Beale and Scott, have received our warrants for 500*l.* each a year, according to an order of the late Navy Committee; but as the time of the Parliament's settlement of that salary is

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expired, we desire further direction, having suspended the last quarter's warrant until further order. [⅔ *page*.] *Annexing,*

11. I. *Warrant of the Navy Committee to the Navy Commissioners to make out bills to the Navy Treasurer in favour of Barth. Beale, one of the Auditors of the Prests, for the quarter's salary of himself and clerk at* 500*l. a year, as it becomes due: also for any disbursements for his office.* 25 *March* 1653. [1 *page*.]

Oct. 4. Niton. **12.** John Langhorne to Williamson, Queen's College. I return your scholar as he came, for I had no time to take pains with him. Crackanthorp's logic would suit him best; he has books to furnish him with arguments, if he could manage them. Take pains with his logic and Greek philosophy, and rhetoric will easily follow. I find in my scholars that those who go back in logic do not go forward in other things. [1 *page*.]

Oct 4. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on petition of James and John Houbson, merchants of London, in behalf and by order of M. de Montigny, governor, and the inhabitants of Dieppe, to advise his Highness to renew his licence to the Dieppe fishermen to fish between England and France.

2. The Navy business to be considered to-morrow.

3. Order—on report from the Committee on the petition of the jurates and common council of Dover, and on the certificates that Thos. White was elected by the majority of qualified voters mayor for the year ensuing,—that White be settled as mayor accordingly. Approved 5 Oct.

5. The Army Committee to order the War Treasurers to pay Walker 400*l*. for the Army contingencies. Approved 5 Oct.

6. Gen. Blake's letter to the Admiralty Commissioners, dated 22 Sept., 150 leagues off the Rock, giving account of the return of the fleet under his command, read.

7. Desborow, Lambert, Sydenham, Fiennes, and Jones, to meet this afternoon, to consider the way now propounded, and other ways to raise 100,000*l*. for the public service, and report.

8. Lambert's paper concerning further orders and instructions for the Major Generals read, and referred to Pickering, Lambert, Fiennes, Lisle, Mulgrave, and Strickland, to prepare it for Council, and report.

9. The report from Dr. Walker and the Prize Goods' Commissioners, about the demands of Abraham Johnson, Wm. Astell, Anne Pembridge, and others, for discoveries concerning the silver ships, referred to the Committee on their petition, to report.

10. As Major Thos. Chamberlain has 2,500*l*. in France, which may be conveniently applied towards making up the 15,000*l*. ordered by his Highness and Council to be sent to Geneva and Switzerland, for relief of the distressed Protestants of the Duke of Savoy's territory, out of the contributions raised therefor, Sir

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Chris. Pack, lord mayor, and Sir Thos. Vyner, treasurers of that contribution, are to pay 2,500*l.* to Chamberlain, to be remitted by him in exchange to John Lodowick Calandrin, who is to dispose of it according to instructions. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 323–4.]

Oct. 5. **13.** Petition of Lieut.-Col. John Mayer, Governor of Berwick, to the Protector. Has spent 100*l.* on the garrison, and there is a breach in the walls, and the bridges, storehouses, &c., are out of repair. Begs allowance for what he has spent or shall spend for needful repairs. With reference thereon to Council. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 5. **14.** Reference thereon by Council to Whalley and the Committee of Officers for reducements, to report. [½ *page; also I.* 76, *p.* 324.]

Oct. 5. **15.** Petition of Geo. Price and Randolph Isaacson, merchants of London, to the Protector and Council. On 11 Sept. 1651, the Council of State, on some information given, ordered the Commissioners of Customs to take an inventory of all goods coming in any ship from Mr. Hackett, beyond sea, to Geo. Price, who was to give security for their value if objected against. We thereon became bound in 300*l.* and 1,000*l.* for the goods on 2 ships. Hackett has since been over to England, but no delinquency was made to appear against him or his goods, and he returned to Dantzic and died. We beg the cancelling of the bond. With reference thereon to Council, 14 May 1655. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

16. I., II. *Copies of the bonds alluded to,* 13 *Sept. and* 1 *Oct.* 1651. [2 *papers.*]

Oct. 5. Reference thereon in Council to the Commissioners of Customs, to report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 325.] *Annexing,*

17. I. *Report by the said Commissioners, that the order was issued because Hackett had performed some service for Charles Stuart beyond sea; but he having come to England and nothing proved against him, the delivery of the bonds will be according to usage, and a high favour to the petitioner.* [¾ *page.*]

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1. To advise his Highness to order the Treasurers of the Exchequer to pay the Navy Treasurer 200,000*l.*

2. The Earl of Calendar to have liberty to stay in England to prosecute his business for 2 months, without incurring the forfeit of his bond to return to Scotland; and this to be signified to the Commander-in-chief in Scotland, that no forfeiture may be made for his non-return.

3. Mr. Secretary to hasten the commissions for Cols. Clerke and Kelsey to be Admiralty Judges; also the warrant for the 200,000*l.* for the Navy.

4. The additional orders to the Major-Generals, as amended and reported by the Committee to which they were referred, read in

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parts, several passed, and the point about the registrar and his allowance referred back to the same Committee, to report.

5. The petition of Maj. Geo. Walters referred by his Highness to Council, with the narrative and papers annexed, referred to Sydenham, Strickland, Jones, and Lambert, to report.

7. Major Hezekiah Haynes to enquire about and suppress a meeting proposed to be held at Barking, Essex, for holding and defending blasphemous opinions against the Deity of Christ.

8. The report from the Committee to whom it was yesterday referred, to consider how to raise 100,000*l.* to pay Blake's mariners, read.

9, 10. The Prize Goods' Commissioners to forbear to pay money, or repay any deposited with them, to any one on what pretext whatsoever, without special order from Council; but to pay into the Exchequer all moneys received on contracts for prize goods sold, till further orders. Approved 5 Oct.

11. The Treasury Commissioners to issue no warrants to pay money on any order whatsoever (except for the navy), till further order. Approved 5 Oct.

12. **18.** The Admiralty Commissioners to order the moneys in Deal Castle, intended to be paid as prize money, to be applied towards paying off Blake's mariners, and the money to be supplied some other way, at a month's warning. Approved 5 Oct.

13. On information that large sums are owing for prize goods, and that some of the goods sold are perishing undelivered, and therefore part of the money remains in the hands of the buyers, order that Col. John Clerk, Capt. Thos. Alderne, Capt. John Stone, Martin Noel, and Wm. Rowe, require a speedy account from the Prize Commissioners of their contracts, and the money still unpaid, summon the debtors, and require payment before 15 Oct.; making allowances, if needful, for defective goods, and for tare and tret, on condition of immediate payment; and in case of non-payment, certifying Council how the money may be most speedily got in.

14. That they enquire about all goods sold and not fetched away and paid for, and take speedy course for compelling payment; and, in case of difficulty, report to Council. All Admiralty officers, Commissioners for Prize Goods, and others concerned to give them assistance. Approved 5 Oct.

15. To advise a warrant to remove John Biddle, prisoner in Newgate, to the Scilly Islands, to the safe keeping of the Governor, till further order, and Desborow to attend to his conveyance forthwith, in such manner as is agreed on between him and Sec. Thurloe. Approved 5 Oct.

16. Approval by the Protector of 16 orders, 25 Sept. to 5 Oct. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 324–7.]

Oct. 5. Prize Office, London. **19.** Commissioners for Prizes to Wm. Jessop, Whitehall. We request you to annex the enclosed to the papers already delivered you concerning Ab. Johnson and the other petitioners about the Samson, &c. [½ *page.*]

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Oct. 5. Chatham. **20.** Commissioner Peter Pett to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have thoroughly searched the Indian with the master shipwright, Mr. Arkinstall, and the clerk of the check, for the quicksilver and a quantity of pieces of 8 alleged to have been stowed away abaft the mainmast, taking up the boards and boring holes, but could not find any. I would have written before, but I had to attend the sessions at Maidstone to prosecute the felons committed for stealing a piece of cable and a great bar of iron; also to attend the trial of a minister of Witchling, whom I bound to his good behaviour for speaking very contemptuously against the Lord Protector, and for being a common drunkard and a swearer.

I gave your letter to the justices, and it made them very sensible of the mischief done by such kind of persons upon the State's goods in the navy; the two mentioned in yours were convicted and are burnt in the hand before now. I hope it will be an example and stop such thefts. The fellow who stole the clothes was sent to Maidstone; but his examination sent to you not having been returned, I could do nothing in it. The Indian, Norwich, and Greyhound, are ready for their victuals. I recommend Walsall, late steward of the Rainbow, for a purser's place. [1⅔ *pages.*]

Oct. 6. Bristol. **21.** Thos. Shewell to the Admiralty Commissioners. I delivered your warrant respecting the two brass bases with brass chambers, to Nich. Jordan, who says he has sold them, and they are now as much the State's as they were when he first seized them. I hear that they were sold to one Hudson, who is gone to Lisbon, and will be away 6 weeks. I will secure them on his return. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 9. **22.** Petition of John Freeman, sen. and jun., merchants of London, to Council. During the past 6 months, we shipped currants, raisins, and oil, to Hamburg and Holland; the markets being bad, they will not sell beyond seas without great loss, and yet are much wanted in England, but we fear to import them on account of the Act of Navigation. We therefore beg your license to import 90 barrels of raisins and 10 tons of oil, in the same ship that carried them to Hamburg, paying customs and excise. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 9. Reference thereon to Desborow, Jones, Strickland, and Sydenham. [*I.* 76, *p.* 328.]

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2. The consideration of the horses bought by Lord Grey and others referred to Jones and Strickland; John Mayer to attend them this afternoon with information, and to report.

3. Council proceeded in the consideration of the additional instructions to the Major-Generals. Pickering reports from the Committee that brought in the instructions adopted, viz., that—having considered of an entertainment to the registrar in London, for the entry of the names of all those who shall be returned from the Major-Generals, and also of the appearances of such persons and others,—for expediting the instructions, but not determining anything against the equity of casting the charge of such entries on the forementioned persons by

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the poll at their appearance before the registry, the registrar should have his entertainment paid from the 10th part of delinquents' estates.

4. The last clause in the paper recommitted to the Committee that brought in this report, and the other clauses being read and amended, agreed to, and approved by his Highness.

5. **23.** The Admiralty Commissioners to take order for paying off Gen. Blake's fleet as fast as they can.

6. The petition of Thos. Denver and Thos. Topham, about a concealed estate of 500*l.* a year, referred to the Treasury Commissioners, to enquire into its nature, give orders for its prosecution, and report.

7. Council to meet to-morrow to consider the navy business, and his Highness desired to be present.

8. **24.** The Admiralty Commissioners to provide a fit vessel to transport John Biddle to the Scilly Islands, for his securing there.

10. Mr. Feake and Rogers to be removed from Sandham Castle, which has not convenient accommodation for them, to such part of the west of the isle of Wight as Major Boreman judges fit for their security and privity. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 327–8.]

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Westminster.

25. Robt. Bowes to Col. Jno. Clarke, Whitehall. The 3 months' assessment in Cornwall comes to 4,130*l.*, in Devon to 7,595*l.*, and in Hants to 5,113*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; the assignations thereout are on Cornwall 1,575*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*, and on Hants 1,641*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* The warrants ordered will be ready to-morrow. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

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26. Gen. Robt. Blake to the Navy Commissioners. When at Algiers, it was resolved amongst the seamen thoughout the fleet, upon a question being put, that they would contribute a dollar each towards the ransom of certain Dutch captives who, hoping to gain their liberty, swam from the shore to our ships, the money to be stopped upon their account for short allowance; which being now to be cleared, together with their wages, I thought fit to give you notice, that you may set it off, and the rather because the Sophia and Hector have been paid off without any defalcation thereof. I hope this has not been done with any of the rest which came in to Portsmouth and Plymouth before us. [1 *page.*]

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Cologne.

[Sec. Nicholas] to Jos. Jane. Thanks for your care about Camden's Elizabeth, but what Sir Chas. Cotterell intends to bring will be sufficient. It is true about Cromwell's writing to the States not to send ships of war into the Baltic, and their abandoning their preparations.

The States provincial of Holland have voted for M. Nordich to be governor of the Busse; many marvel that he, having been so openly in the interest of the Prince of Orange, is so much esteemed by the ruling party in Holland, who have always opposed the Prince.

I have absolutely refused to execute a commission for M. Heenvliet and his lady, for her ladyship acknowledging a fine, because I

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cannot in conscience execute any commissions derived from the present power in England. They seemed satisfied, though I believe they are not, and said Mr. Howard and Mr. Oudart, being here, would do it. Mr. Oudart is to marry a handsome gentlewoman, who, with her sister, has kept up their father's Lombard in Leyden, since his death, and is worth, Lady Stanhope says, 100,000 guilders. I believe he will be knighted before his return.

You may be useful to the Spanish Ambassador there in this conjuncture, and give him intelligence of affairs in England and Spain. We are expecting an open breach between Cromwell and Spain, but as long as the Spanish Ambassador remains in England, war will not be declared, nor will there be any appearance on the Spaniard's part for the King our master. If he should countenance the King, before recalling his Ambassador and declaring war, it will be only to draw Cromwell the sooner to some agreement. The Spaniard, in this low condition, would make any base peace with England, having the French so heavy on him. I want to hear that the 30 ships said to be long since preparing, to carry more men and provisions to recruit Cromwell's forces in the Indies, are gone to sea.

I hear Cromwell pursues his design to have a Swiss guard, being so much hated by the English. If he make show of calling a Parliament, it will be to gain time, till he can get the guard over and purge his army, for he knows he can only be secure by the power of an army, and an army and a Parliament are not compatible. Divers regiments have appointed adjutants to meet in London, and frame propositions, which Cromwell, some say, will not like. He is cantonizing the Kingdom, having signed 7 patents for 7 governments, Lambert for Yorkshire and Lancashire; Howard, captain of his life guard, for Northumberland, Cumberland, and Westmoreland; Fleetwood for Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Lincolnshire; Desborow, the West; Col. Goffe for Wales, &c. These are to have for council the county justices, that whatever is ordered may be taken for the county's acts. They will have power to raise money, and thus do without a Parliament. Some say these governors, &c., will elect Cromwell king, that it may be said he is chosen by the voice of the nation.

The Princess Royal is here on a course of physic. Dr. Morley has preached an excellent sermon before the King, and is going away. He is a good man, and entirely Mr. Chancellor's. [3½ *pages. Holland Corresp.*]

Oct. 10. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order approving a certificate from the Trustees for maintenance of Ministers, that Wisbeach parish, Isle of Ely, containing a market town and 2 chapelries, and being populous, requires an assistant to help the vicar; that Wm. Sheldrake has been recommended for the service, and that they have agreed to settle 80*l.* on the assistant.

2. Col. Montague added to the Committee on how to raise 100,000*l.* for the State's service. [*I.* 76, *p.* 328.]

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Oct. 11. Note of petition of the officers, &c., of the train of artillery. With their arrears they contracted for the hare warren, Hampton Court; paid ½, and the other ½ was ready, but Jas. Challenor, who was in possession, prevented their perfecting the purchase. Were ordered by Parliament, 31 Dec. 1652, 130*l.* a year from delinquents' estates instead. Beg that it may be settled on trustees, and their damage considered. [*I.* 92, *No.* 275.] *Annexing,*

27. I. *Certificate by the Trustees for sale of delinquents' Lands, at request of the said officers, that the* 130*l. might be conveyed to them out of Lord Craven's estate, most of which is undisposed of.* 1 *Sept.* 1655. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 11. Order in Council, on a report on their petition, that the Trustees for sale of forfeited Estates certify what estates unsold (beside that of Lord Craven), can be conveyed to them in lieu of the hare warren. [*I.* 76, *p.* 330.] *Annexing,*

28. I. *Report alluded to, recommending the settlement of lands worth* 150*l. a year on Lieut.-Gen. Hammond, and the rest of the petitioners, out of lands reserved for the navy, as there is no other large estate left which is not liable to composition. Signed by Sydenham and Strickland.* [1¼ *pages.*]

Oct. 11. **29.** Petition of Dame Alice Burlace, Dame Marg. Levingston, Bridget Bray, Judith Hobson, and Frances Blunden, to the Protector. On our former petition you granted us, 27 Jan. 1653–4, ½ of such concealed estate as we should discover, in payment of our annuities granted by Parliament. By means of Rich. Estcott, we have discovered that the late Sir Peter Vanlore's estate is chargeable with crown jewels embezzled, value 40,000*l.*, which were sold by him, and lands bought therewith, or converted to his own use and concealed. With our consent Estcott exhibited an information to the Commissioners for Claims and Discoveries at Worcester House, and some proceedings were taken, but no fruit, on account of their want of power. We beg a grant to Estcott and Nich. Lyme, on our behalf, of ½ the money recoverable therefrom, with leave to prosecute Sir Peter's executors and assigns in the Exchequer. With reference to Council, 14 May 1655. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

29. I. *Request to Lord* ——— *to mediate for the said patent.* [½ *page.*]

Oct. 11. Reference thereon in Council to the Treasury Commissioners, to enquire into the nature of the discovery, and report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 331.]

Oct. 11. Notes of petitions of Sam. Vassall, one referred 10 Aug. 1654, to the Protector. Endured several imprisonments for opposing the late King's illegal impositions, his goods were taken away, and his losses estimated at 10,445*l.* 1*s.* 2*d.* which was voted him by Parliament, with further consideration for charges and suits and money due for freight. Begs to pay himself by bringing in French wines custom and excise free. [*I.* 92, *Nos.* 238, 465.]

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Oct. 11. **30.** Petition of Sam. Vassall to Council. My condition is so desperate that I cannot receive any denial from you, or I shall be overwhelmed with ignominy, which is insupportable to a man who has lived in such esteem. If there is no regard to my services, let pity to my family move you, and let me be paid from concealed estates till you can better spare the money. [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 11. 11. Order thereon, and on a report from the Treasury Commissioners on a former petition—showing that on 6 May 1647, Parliament ordered him, for goods taken for the Parliament of Ireland, 2,591*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, with interest; that this was first charged on the Grand Excise, but was taken off, and is unpaid—that the sum be paid from the ½ of concealments not pardoned by the Act of Oblivion, to be discovered by him. *Annexing,*

31. I. *Report alluded to, certifying not only this debt, but one of* 3,328*l.* 12*s.* 7*d.*, *for service of the Mayflower and other ships.* 20 *July* 1655. [1 *page.*]

31. II. *Particulars by Vassall of the service done by the Mayflower, which was taken by the Earl of Warwick for* 14 *days, and kept* 22 *months.* [¾ *page.*]

31. III. *Details of the whole sums due to him for principal and interest, viz.:—*

	£	s.	d.
Grant by Parliament in 1646 -	10,445	12	2
Money, &c., for relief of the garrisons in Ireland in 1647 - -	2,591	17	6
Interest thereon - - - -	1,555	2	6
Use of the Mayflower, &c. - -	3,333	0	0

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Oct. 11. **32.** Petition of Azariah Husbands, Thos. Babington, Thos. French, and Thos. Kidder, trustees of the regiment late Col. Rich's, now Lord Howard's, to the Protector. We bought for the regiment, from the Trustees for sale of Crown Lands, a house and ground in Dover, worth 160*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* a year, at 20 years' purchase, paid the full value, and it was conveyed to us by indenture enrolled in Chancery, and yet is detained by the Navy Commissioners and victuallers. We beg you to hear our case, and consider the loss of many poor soldiers; and if it is for the advantage of the State to take the house, &c., from us, to satisfy us another way, according to the Act of 17 July 1649, or allow us to discover concealed moneys, lands, &c., till the debt of 4,112*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* is paid. With reference to Council, 14 May 1655. [¾ *page.*] *Annexing,*

32. I. *Details of the survey and purchase by the petitioners of the Maison Dieu, Dover, and of the claim thereto of the navy victuallers, it having been appointed from* 5 *Edw. VI. a victualling office for ships, though not so used for* 30 *years past. The case was tried at Maidstone assizes, "but the petitioners had such success as soldiers use to have in civil judicature, viz., a verdict against them."* [1 *sheet.*]

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Oct. 11. **33.** Reference thereon by Council to the Admiralty Commissioners, to report. [½ *page; also I.* 76, *p.* 332.]

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1. In the association of the military forces to be under Commissary-Gen. Whalley, co. Derby to be added and co. Stafford left out.

2. Instead of the association formerly assigned to Col. Berry, the militia in cos. Salop, Worcester, Hereford, and North Wales, to be given him.

3. Instead of that given to Lieut.-Col. Worsley, the forces in cos. Lancaster, Chester, and Stafford, to be under him.

4. **34.** As several purchasers of estates forfeited for treason, sold them by the Drury House Trustees, have neglected payment according to contract, to the great damage of the public, order that, in case of non-payment, with damages, before 8 Nov. next, a course be taken for re-entry upon the said estates, as forfeited through wilful default. The trustees to cause this order to be forthwith published, so as to give timely notice. Approved 13 Oct.

5. The Drury House Treasurers to be required to pay to the Exchequer all moneys come in, and all that shall come in, and not to pay it away elsewhere.

7, 8. The petition of diverse gentlemen for the inhabitants of Jersey referred to Jones, Desborow, Sydenham, Mulgrave, and Fiennes, to report. Also the petition of Aaron Stockall, gent., of Jersey, authorised in behalf of several persons of the said Isle.

15. Order adding to that of 26 Sept. about the corporation of Colchester, that not only John Redham, elected mayor, but all other officers then elected by the votes of the free burgesses, forbear to act, and that Thos. Reynolds, mayor, and all others who were in office before the election, continue to act. This order not to extend to constables and other inferior officers. Approved 13 Oct.

16. **35.** Order on information that great quantities of saltpetre are endeavoured to be exported, which may be prejudicial in the present juncture of affairs, that the Customs' Commissioners permit no entries of such export until his Highness and Council are satisfied about the place to which the commodity is to be transported, and give their licence. Approved 13 Oct. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 329–332.]

Oct. 11. Pres. Lawrence to the Council in Scotland. His Highness has referred to Council a petition of the Earl of Calendar for liberty of person and estate. It seems that his estate was seized by the State's agent in 1654, by virtue of the Ordinance of Grace for the people of Scotland, he being an excepted person, and also that part of his lady's estate which had belonged to the Earl of Dumfernline, her former husband, and which till then she had held as her tierce (although by a clause in the Ordinance she was to enjoy her jointure lands). The tierce is said to be detained because that part of her estate was not mentioned in the Ordinance, and is distinct from jointure, and allowed by the laws of Scotland as appendant thereto.

He has been imprisoned, and is now at liberty only on security He served the Parliament against the late King; but he was lieutenant under Duke Hamilton in the invasion of 1648, for which he was banished Scotland, returned here in Feb. 1650–1, and had a licence from Gen. Monk in Nov. 1651.

We therefore wish you to inquire the grounds of seizure of that part of the countess' estate called the Tierce; and if it is allowed by the laws of Scotland, and there is no objection but the omission of the word tierce in the Ordinance, then she is to enjoy the benefit of the Ordinance as fully as was intended. [*I.* 76, *p.* 330.] *Annexing,*

36. I. *Report by Lambert and Jones on the Earl's petition, on which the above letter is founded.* [2 *pages.*]

36. II. III. *Particulars of the demand of the tierce, which is* ⅓ *of the estate, distinct from the jointure. The earl requests nothing for the countess out of his own estate, but only her jointure and tierce by her first husband.* [2 *papers.*]

Oct. 11. Whitehall. Commission by the Protector to Colonel William Butler to be Major-General of a militia of horse, to be raised in cos. Northampton, Huntingdon, Rutland, and Bedford. [*Parchment, signed Interregnum Box* 2, *No.* 10.]

Oct. 11. **37.** Copy of the above. [3 *pages.*]

Oct. 12. Note of a petition, referred to the Committee for Petitions, of Anne, widow of Wm. Pembridge, searcher for the Port of London, for allowance for his charges as one of the discoverers of the plate ships, Astell, another discoverer, having had 50*l.*; reported for 10*l.* from Council's contingencies. [*I.* 92, *No.* 242.]

Oct. 12. Like note of a petition of Wm. Astell, for consideration of his pains, time, and charge about discovering the silver ships, for which 40*l.* or 50*l.* was ordered him, 3 May 1654. [*I.* 92, *No.* 192.]

Oct. 12. Like note of a petition of Abr. Johnson for payment for his services in discovering the silver ships. Order in Council on a report of the Committee of Council, who were to consider a report from Dr. Walker and the Prize Goods' Commissioners on the petitions of Johnson and Astell, and Anne Pembridge,—that neither the said persons nor Mrs. Urdge obtained any advantage to the State by their testimony, and that they have been paid for their pains,—that the said petitions be dismissed. [*I.* 92, *No.* 469; *I.* 76, *p.* 334.]

Oct. 12. **38, 39.** Petition of Amy Bickerton, widow, and her 6 fatherless children ready to starve, to the Protector. I beg relief, having pledged all I have for food. You ordered me on a former petition a reference to Council, who bade me bring in my discoveries [*see* 3 *April* 1655], which I have done, and Col. Sydenham promised to report them,

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but more mighty affairs have prevented. With reference thereon, signed by the Protector, to Col. Sydenham, 28 July 1655; his report that Wm. Harpham, Clerk of the Remembrancer, has certified to 4 bonds for payments to the late Court of Wards by Sir Thos. Fanshaw, of Ware Park, Herts, and others, total 600*l.*; and that Nath. Stirrop, Deputy receiver of the Court of Wards, has certified 300*l.* to be due to petitioner and her husband, for service to the late King's children up to Christmas 1654, which, by Parliament's order of Dec. 1645, should be paid from the Court of Wards. Also further reference thereon to Council, 25 Sept. 1655. [2 *papers.*] *Annexing,*

39. I. *Draft of the above report.* [2 *papers.*]

39. II. *Certificate of Wm. Harpham alluded to* 23 *May* 1655. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 12. **40, 41.** Order thereon that the Treasury Commissioners put the said bonds in suit, and when 300*l.* is brought in, they pay Mrs. Bickerton the arrears. [2 *copies; also I.* 76, *p.* 334.]

Oct. 12. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Order on report on the petition of the Earl of Kildare [*see* 25 *Sept. supra*],—showing that the earl's pension was only paid to 1 Jan. 1649–50, when he came over to England; and that a warrant of 11 May 1654 to pay 20*l.* to his children from Council's contingencies, granted on a Council order of 9 May, is not paid,—that the said 20*l.* be paid, and also 100*l.* out of Council's contingencies. *Annexing,*

42. I. *Certificate of Major Wm. Cadogan and Sir Art. Loftus to the reduction of the earl's regiment in Ireland,* 17 *Aug.* 1649, *and to the granting of the pension,* 25 *Sept. and* 1 *Oct.* 1655. [1 *page.*]

42. II. *Certificate by George, Earl of Kildare to the same; also that on leaving Ireland he gave his servant, Roger Hollis, order to receive the pension, which he did till the following January.* 2 *Oct.* 1655. [1 *page.*]

42. III. *Deposition by Roger Hollis of its receipt till* 1 *Jan.* 1649–50, *but not since; taken before Dr. Wm. Harrington, Master in Chancery,* 2 *Oct.* 1655. [¾ *page.*]

42. IV. *Report on the case by Mulgrave and Jones, recapitulating the above, and stating that the* 20*l. was not paid by Mr. Frost, because the children were not particularly named; that the family is in great distress, and a fit object of charity, and that something should be allowed for their transport.* [1½ *pages.*]

3. The petition of Mary, widow of Sir Geo. Shirley, Lord Chief Justice in Ireland, referred by his Highness to Council, referred to Sydenham, Jones, Pickering, Rous, and Mulgrave, to certify.

4. Strickland, Jones, and Pickering to consider the complaint of M. de Bordeaux, concerning the taking away of 2 of his servants, and report.

5. The petition of Major Dillon to be considered on Tuesday.

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7. Order on report from the Committee on the arrest of a servant of the Swedish Ambassador,—that Justinus Hoyer was arrested at the suit of James Broilsford, merchant of London, and Matthias Eyre, and remains in the Counter prison, and that it appears by certificate from the Ambassador that Hoyer is *comes legationis*, which Broilsford declares he did not know at the time of the arrest,—that Hoyer be liberated, and that Broilsford discharge the action.

10. The report from the Committee on the Jamaica business, of instructions to be given to Major Richard Fortescue, Vice-admiral Wm. Goodson, Major Rob. Sedgwick, and Dan. Searle, read and agreed to.

11. **43.** The Admiralty Commissioners to deliver to Mr. Secretary a duplicate of all the provisions and stores sent in the 4 last ships which arrived at Jamaica last May, also in those which went from here last July under Sedgwick's command.

12. The consideration of the business of the Custom House officers' salaries and the contingencies referred to Sydenham, Desborow, Jones, Pickering, and Strickland, to report. Mr. Secretary to assist.

13. The time limited by an order of Oct. 5, for the persons therein named to make an allowance of tare to the purchasers of Prize goods, and for payment in of the moneys, enlarged 10 days; and the persons authorised to make the allowances where they see cause, and the rest of the money to be paid in by Oct. 25.

14. Jones and Strickland added to the Committee on the business of the Prize Goods, and those Commissioners to attend the Committee at 3 p.m.

15. On information that the directions to the Commissioners of Customs not to permit the landing of goods from the United Provinces within 20 days, to prevent the spreading of the infection which is there, has given opportunity for privately conveying in goods without payment of Customs and Excise;—order, that the Customs' officers do their best to prevent this abuse, by sending men on board or otherwise, but taking care to prevent the danger of infection.

16. Order—on report from the Committee to whom Mrs. Haynes' petition was referred back [*see* 3 *Oct. suprà*],—that the 400*l.* be paid her from the money in Mr. Creed's hands for Jamaica, 200*l.* being for the daughter when of age or married; 100*l.* each for the 2 sons, Thomas and David, the mother having the profits meantime; that of the 150*l.* a year, 50*l.* be settled on Thomas, 50*l.* on the widow for life, with reversion to him, and 25*l.* on each of the 2 younger sons, the profits to be for their education till of age; and that the Treasury Commissioners set forth the land from the estate of Mr. Penruddock, or some other forfeited by the late rebellion in the West, granting it for 99 years on a small rent. Approved 13 Oct. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 333–5.] *Annexing,*

44. I. *Report by Desborow and Jones on which the said order is founded.* [1½ *pages.*]

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Oct. 12. **45.** Representation by the Admiralty Commissioners to the Protector and Council, on the present state of naval affairs, as also the condition of Gen. Blake's fleet, lately returned and waiting to be paid off.

That the wages due to the fleet lately come in, including short allowance, amount to 120,000*l.*, being 20 months' arrears; the cash in the hands of the Navy Treasurer is only 20,000*l.* with which he is paying off the 3 great ships at Chatham; but it will not be sufficient by 5,000*l.*

The dead charge of the fleet's remaining unpaid is 2,000*l.* weekly for victuals and wages.

Since the coming in of Gens. Penn and Blake's fleets, all the money appointed for naval affairs has been employed towards their paying off, whereby the payments upon contracts, bills, yard wages, &c., have been stopped, which is a great prejudice to the navy.

The supply this year for naval affairs has fallen so much short of its charges, that the debts reduced in the preceding year to 3 months, are now receded to 9 months, and the naval debt risen to 657,835*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.*, including the payment of Gen. Blake's fleet.

For want of money, the navy stores are not furnished to carry on any considerable action at sea, the late undertaking having greatly exhausted them; nor can they be recruited without money.

Several ships on the English, Irish, and Scotch coasts, have been long out and unpaid; and although some of them are not fit to be kept out, being out of repairs, yet they cannot be drawn in for want of money to pay them off.

The Commissioners pray consideration and relief therein. Also they enquire what victuals shall be provided for the next summer service, it being advantageous to have it in seasonable preparation, as was represented in their report on 28 Aug. last. [1¾ *pages.*]

Oct. 13. Approval by the Protector of 6 orders presented by Mr. Scobell, 26 Sept. to 12 Oct. [*I.* 76, *p.* 336.]

Oct. 13.
Bristol. **46.** Nich. Jordan to Major Jno. Desborow and the Admiralty Commissioners. Having received an order from Thos. Shewell, concerning two brass bases, I beg you to understand the case. After I had faithfully served under Sir Wm. Waller at the beginning of the wars, and until Bristol was taken, I lost my estate, value 300*l.*, and was forced to leave the city, with my wife and 3 children, at the hazard of my life; I got to Gloucester garrison, where I continued until Col. Morgan disbanded, during which time I was a captain of foot, and a lieutenant of horse and foot, was taken prisoner, and received many wounds. Being disbanded and unable to follow any trade, in December 1648, I applied to some friends in Parliament, and was put into the Custom House at Bristol, by recommendation of the now Lord Protector.

About that period Capt. Plunkett revolted, and joined with the Irish rebels, and left 2 small bases at his house in London, which were put into a cask and sent to Bristol, for conveyance to him in Ireland. Hearing thereof, I took some men, seized and conveyed them to the State's storehouse, and gave notice thereof to the Commissioners, who thanked me for my pains, and stated that they did not then know how to dispose of them; considering them of no value, I never troubled further about them, until Major-Gen. Deane coming to Bristol, I showed them to him, and desired him to take them, but he declined.

When the Scots came to England, I was made lieutenant to Capt. Thos. Norris, as also lieutenant of the foot at Bristol, by commission under the now Protector's hand and seal, dated Oct. 1651; and being asked by Col. Scrope, then Governor of Bristol, what guns and ammunition were in the storehouse or Custom House, I told him of these two small bases; he sent for them, and they remained there until the Castle was demolished. I then took the guns and chambers to my own house, and sold them to Thos. Shewell's brother-in-law and his partner for 6*l.*, their weight being 200 lbs. If I had not by Shewell's malice been put out of my employment, I should never have questioned these guns, but Shewell never served for the State with the sword, nor does he favour any one that has. Not the $\frac{1}{10}$ of a farthing could be proved against me, but only his evil will, to bring in a kinsman of his that never did any service, to my prejudice. When put out, I came to London, and sent a petition to the Navy Commissioners, to allow me for my pains and charges, according to the Act, but was informed by Thos. Kelsey that they could do nothing, the Act being before their time.

As you have been soldiers yourselves, I hope you will consider all this, and not put me to the charge of coming to London, which will cost more than the guns were worth. The State owes me and my brother, Major Thos. Jordan, who was slain at Clonmel, 300*l.* on debentures. I desire this may go in part payment; if not, I desire to know your pleasure; the thing is of no value to the State, although it is to me, now a poor man. [2 *pages.*]

Oct. 14. Motston. **47.** R. Dillington to Williamson. I ought to have given you a particular account of our voyage at Jamaica, of our living 9 days by the air like cameleons, now and then on orange leaves and cocoa. We have passed through all the Herculean labours, slain the Hesperian dragon to purchase the golden fruit, warred against mountains and woods, and found, like stout Vexon, King of Egypt, that, *Jam opulenti populi ducem stolidè adversus inopes oceupâsse bellum, quod magni fuerit illi domi timendum, quod belli certamen anceps, præmia victoriæ nulla, dumna manifesta sint*, which we have found true. I shall be at Oxford in 3 weeks; but wherever I am, omit not this correspondence. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 14. The Lyme, Downs. **48.** Capt. Jno. Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. I have endeavoured, as ordered, to gain intelligence from Ostend and Dunkirk of their strength in men-of-war, and their readiness to sail; and I hear, by two Ostend shallops (who, not knowing the injury their nation has done in these parts of late, came into the Downs for succour in a contrary wind, and whom I have secured), that they have 25 frigates, small and great, at Ostend, carrying from 18 to 34 pieces of ordnance, and 10 at Dunkirk, besides 3 great King's ships, which are cruising on the coast of Portugal and the Straits, and expected home daily. Some of the others are getting ready to go out. I hear from Capt. Tatnell that all the English ships and goods at Dunkirk are seized, and the merchants' houses guarded by soldiers, and that there are several ships there that will make men-of-war, as also some building.

I have no vessel to send as a convoy from Yarmouth to Newhaven and back, but I have directed the Advice, which has gone as convoy to Dieppe, &c., to call at Newhaven and bring back the 10 ships of Yarmouth waiting there. When she returns, she will require an order for victualling. [2 *pages.*]

Oct. 16. **49.** Bond of Sir Wm. Hicks, Bart., of Ruckhalls, Essex, and John Light, clothworker of London, in 1,500*l.*, that Hicks shall not do anything prejudicial to the Government, and that he shall reveal any plot of which he may hear against the Protector or Government. [1 *page.*]

Oct. $\frac{16}{26}$. Cologne. **50.** Sec. Nicholas to Jos. Jane. I now believe that Cromwell did not write the letter I named to the States. The news came from Mr. Vicford, who is very credulous. Mr. Oudart's intended wife is rich and handsome. He is little esteemed here, and his preferments make him more conceited than ever.

I hear that the Spanish ambassador at the Hague is a man of ability, but not of integrity, as M. Le Brun was; but you might learn from him his King's inclinations towards our King. As you say, the Spaniard's necessities will be his chief counsellors, so we must show him the advantage in the war with Cromwell of espousing our master's interests. I fear that Cromwell has no men left at Jamaica, but that the ships and men which Penn left came away with or after Venables, and are at the Barbadoes. Cromwell amuses the world, and keeps up his credit with his adorers, by pretending that men still remain at Jamaica. Till the Spanish ambassador has landed from England, I shall suspect a private making up of the breach between his King and Cromwell.

There is a rumour that the French King has sent placarts to all his ports to seize English ships and goods, but it only comes from Flanders, and is not named from Paris.

Cromwell's strictly prohibiting the printing of news is a sure sign that his affairs at home and abroad go not well. He has been tampering to bring in as many Swiss guards as, with his faction in the army, may secure himself; but he has perhaps laid the design aside, because it was discovered to some chief officers of the army.

Some say the Princess Royal will return next month, but she is ill, and not out of physic. Mrs. Harvey being a shuffler, I should like the woman's receipt for the money owed her by Lord Gerard.

My son Lane will wait on you when he comes to the Hague.

I hear that Cromwell is in great want of money, and has raised the monthly contributions as high as ever, and wants ½ paid at once; this may produce notable effects. We are loth to be at the charge of good intelligence from England lest we lack money for other things, though of less importance.

We hear that Blake's fleet protected 4 Turkish ships pursued by the Spanish fleet. It is reported that Cromwell is preparing 120 sail for sea, but it is ridiculous, for this is not the season, and he has neither means nor men. Under this pretence he will drop his preparation of 14 frigates and 18 other ships to be sent with men and provisions as a recruit to Jamaica, where, I believe, he has no forces remaining. What progress is made by the English and Dutch commissioners about settling the English company at Rotterdam? I have written to John Samborne that I will try to procure from the King wherewith to satisfy your debt. [3 *pages.*]

Oct. 16.? **51.** A. Mac Naughton to the King. I will not trouble your Majesty with the affairs of this kingdom, as you have them from better hands. I have sent Capt. Maitland, the bearer, to show you my resolution. Endorsed by Sec. Nicholas "R. $\frac{\text{25 Oct.}}{\text{4 Nov.}}$ 1655, brought by Capt. Maitland." [¾ *page.*]

Oct. 17. Council. Day's Proceedings.

1. Frost to satisfy to Nich. Bond 87*l.* 0*l.* 9½*d.* balance due for the Swedish ambassador's entertainment, and 100*l.* for that of the Venetian ambassador.

3. Council to meet at 5 this afternoon.

4. The petition of John Pimlowe, minister of Holbeach, co. Lincoln, to be sent to Lord Chief Justice Glynn, to enquire the truth of the matter suggested against John Hobson, and if he find it true, to institute severe proceedings against him, especially if the matters complained of were done since his expulsion from the commission of the peace.

5. A paper from the Committee to consider of money for the present service, called "An account of what ships and goods have been claimed in the Admiralty Court by Spaniards, and have been adjudged to be released from 8 Feb. 1653–4, to 12 Oct. 1655," to be transmitted to Col. Clerke, Capt. Stone, and the other referees authorized to examine prize goods' matters, to learn what has become of the said goods, and if any are undelivered, to stop them, and to make such other use of the paper as they can, for the State's advantage.

6. Order—on information that John Huison, late minister of Torrington St. Clements, in Marshland, co. Norfolk, being on articles of scandal ejected from the living at the prosecution of Thos. Gunville, against whom he has since brought an action of the case, for words referring to the said articles, and obtained a verdict of 80*l.* damage and costs at the Thetford assize of 20 March 1654–5—that the mayor and corporation of Lynn and Maj. Stiles send for the parties with witnesses and papers, examine the matter, and report. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 336–7.]

Oct. 17. **52.** Josh. Fugill to Rob. Blackborne. I am comforted that I am not utterly deprived of your favour, for one of your clerks brought

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me a verbal order to appear before your Committee, which will not only be to my advantage, but I might declare something of great concern to the State. I beg your assistance, that the order may be renewed. [½ *page.*]

Oct. 17. Dover. **53.** Thos. White to the Navy Commissioners. The packet boat has arrived from Dunkirk, with the seamen of the vessel stopped in Flanders, who report that they are building and fitting out several ships there and at Ostend, but those that are ready have no orders to go to sea, and there are no commissions, as yet, given to come to sea against the English. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 17. The Merlin, Dartmouth. **54.** Capt. Peter Foote to the [Admiralty Commissioners]. I sailed, as ordered, from Cowes 21 Sept., and 1 Oct. touched at Cascaes Road, but getting no certain intelligence, went thence to the Southward Cape, and on the 3rd discovered the Spanish fleet of 40 sail, some of whom chased me to Lagos Bay, where I heard from the governor, and Capt. Clarke's letter, that General Blake had gone for England, and Capt. Haddock for Lisbon. On advising with my officers, I supposed that I had grounds sufficient to return for England, and on the 7th, I left Lagos, and near the Cape, saw two English ships, which had been forced under the castle of St. Vincent for protection from the Spanish fleet, who endeavour to speak with all passing vessels.

I was also informed that the West Indian ships had not yet arrived home, nor this fleet been out of their station since they came forth, but that it would not be long before they returned to Cadiz. On the 8th I met 3 Dunkirkers, bound for this fleet, one of which chased me 4 hours, and fired at me, but did no harm. Meeting with tempestuous weather, I have put into Dartmouth, and having 34 days' provisions, will remain there for orders. I expect Capt. Clarke will soon return to England, with the 3 victuallers. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 18. The Lyme, Downs. **55.** Capt. John Bourne to the Admiralty Commissioners. The packet boat has arrived from Dunkirk, with several masters and men from ships detained there, who report that the stoppage of English ships still continues, and that they are building and fitting out men-of-war as fast as they can, there and at Ostend, some of which are only waiting for their commissions. I will direct the Gainsborough and Advice to hasten to and from Portsmouth with all speed, and convoy any vessels bound hither, or to France.

I have ordered the Ostenders into Dover pier, for security from foul weather, and shall keep their men on board till further order. There is a small frigate, taken by the Drake, at Dover, which might be useful, to annoy the enemy's fishing, or any other service among the sands; also an Ostender which has been lately stopped, and which formerly sailed thence with an English commission against the French. I want orders as to cleaning and victualling the Drake, and surveying the Cornelian. [1⅔ *pages.*]

Oct. 18. **56.** Dr. Walter Walker to Wm. Rowe, one of the Admiralty registrars. Though we in the Admiralty have received no directions from his Highness or Council about claims made on behalf of Spaniards or Flandrians, subjects of the King of Spain, yet hearing of seizures and embargoes made in Spain and Flanders on English ships and goods, we have in prudence forborne proceedings. But as the Admiralty Court, being a court of justice, cannot act arbitrarily, I beg you, either yourself or through Mr. Jessop, to request the directions of his Highness or Council in such cases. The forms before used when we were at difference with the Portuguese and Dutch were universal reprisals. If ordered, we will prepare a legal form, suitable to their pleasure. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 19. **57.** Petition of Jeremy Blackman, Wm. Pennoyer, and Wm. Rider, merchants of London, to the Protector. Having bought 100 tons of the saltpetre of the East India Company for transportation —the company having supplied the powder makers of London, and much saltpetre being expected from East India this next year—the Custom House Commissioners will not allow us to enter our goods for transport to Amsterdam, which is a place in amity, without your order, which we beg, and will give in caution not to export it elsewhere. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 19. Order thereon in Council granting the petition. [*I.* 76, *p.* 337.]

Oct. 19. **58.** Petition of Jas. Burkin, merchant of London, and company, to the Protector and Council. Having contracted with the East India Company for 100 tons of saltpetre, on 18 Sept. last we entered it at the Custom House for Amsterdam, and 20 tons are sent, but the rest is stayed at Gravesend, on pretext of your order of 11 Oct., which is 3 weeks after the entry, and therefore does not, we hope, comprehend our saltpetre; yet the Gravesend Custom's officers will not free it without order.

There remain large quantities of saltpetre in the East India Company's warehouse, and we have been at great charge in shipping and insuring ours, and paid much for it to the company; we therefore beg an order for it to be carried to Amsterdam. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

Oct. 19. Order thereon in Council for it to pass, on security not to be transported to any place not in amity with this Commonwealth. [*I.* 75, *p.* 338.]

Oct. 19. Council. Day's Proceedings.

3. A list of persons in custody of Lieut.-Col. Chas. Wolsley, and not yet ordered to be discharged, read.

4. To advise an order to the Lord Deputy of Ireland to send a deputation to Maj. Hezekiah Haynes, to execute for him within cos. Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Cambridge, and the Isle of Ely, all the powers and authorities committed him, as Major-General within the said counties, and cos. Oxon and Bucks.

5. To advise an order to Lord Lambert to send a deputation to Col. Rob. Lilburne to be his deputy, to execute the office of Major General in cos. York and Durham, and to Col. Charles Howard in cos. Cumberland, Northumberland, and Westmoreland. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 337–8.]

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Cologne.

[Sec. Nicholas.] to Jos. Jane. I believe Cromwell will not disannul the Act made by him and his faction for regulating trade, which in time, with other injuries done by the rebels to the D[utch] concerning their traffic, may make a breach. It would be a wonderful work of God if the Spaniards and Dutch,—the 2 first States that encouraged those rebels in England,—should be the first to join in a war against that monster of rebellion.

I believe Mr. Skinner not to be disaffected to the King, and I wish you could learn from him the true state of the difference between him and his fellow Commissioners and the Dutch, concerning the settling of the English company at Rotterdam.

We have no letters from England this week. The packet boat is said to have been stopped in England. Those in Flanders have seized all English merchant ships and goods in port towns, especially 3 English ships laden at Dunkirk for London; the goods were put into the King of Spain's magazine there. Some say Don Alonzo de Cardenas is stopped in England for debt. I shall believe he is still on some treaty with Cromwell till I hear he is out of England.

I do not think there are any English at Jamaica, for the 2,000 or 3,000 left by Penn came to the Barbadoes when Penn left Jamaica. All here think differently, though with little ground, and they will not patiently hear any man doubt that the English are masters of that isle. I wish there were reason to believe it. I think that they are all come to the Barbadoes, and that the supplies under Humphrey and Sedgwick are likewise there, waiting orders, as both the Generals have come away.

If this be true, it will be very easy for the Spaniard to clap up a peace with Cromwell; but say nothing to those who write all they hear to their correspondents here. I hear nothing of the 30 ships that were to be sent with supplies, and this adds to my fears that there are no English to be recruited at Jamaica.

The great noise of 120 sail preparing in England is raised to uphold Cromwell's reputation abroad, but he is not able to set forth such a fleet, nor is this the season for it.

I wish the King were invited into Flanders, but this will not be till Spain is obliged to call for his assistance, and it would be a strange precipitation for him to go before he is invited, or the King of Spain declares for his interest, and makes his ports free for all who will come to serve the King. I want Somerdike's opinion on the affairs between Spain and Cromwell, and on the great intelligence settled between the Swede and Cromwell; also upon the treaty between the rebels and the Dutch, about settling the English company of merchants at Rotterdam. Will the Dutch confirm the company's privileges, unless the Act for trade be disannulled, which I believe Cromwell will never yield to? Talk with M. Reinswood about these things. What do you say of the King's going to Flanders, if he may be welcome, without being invited by the Spaniard?

Most of the lead and tin mines in England are drowned with last summer's rain, which will be an irrecoverable loss to the kingdom.

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I hear from Vienna that the King of Sweden is absolute master of Poland (whose King has fled into Silesia), and when he is crowned king of Poland, Dantzic and the Baltic ports will be under his government, which will be much the worse for the Dutch trade.

Blake, being in the Downs, is afraid to go ashore, lest he should have the same usage as Penn and Venables. If the Spaniard declared now for the King, some of Blake's fleet might come to Dunkirk to serve his Majesty. Cromwell may delay Cardenas' departure from England till Blake's fleet be made sure. If there be war between Spain and Cromwell, there must be some jarring between Cromwell and the States about trade into Spain, which the English rebels will certainly hinder, under pretence of visiting their ships.

The Princess Royal will not be out of physic and ready to go hence till the middle of November.

P.S.—Read my letters to Somerdike and Reinswood, and tell me what has become of the treaty between France and the States. [3⅔ *pages. Holland correspondence.*]

Oct. 20. **59.** Petition of Capt. Wm. Burrill, late Governor of Mersey Island, to Council. The Army Committee report, on your order for payment of my disbanded troops, that they have no money therefor, yet the men importune me, therefore I beg payment some other way.

Also the Protector orders me to demolish Mersey Fort, and to pay the workmen out of the materials; but Jas. Shirley of Clapham, owner of the ground, forbids my taking it down, on pain of a common law suit. I beg orders. [1 *page.*] *Annexing,*

> **60.** I. *Report in the Army Committee, that they have no money for payment of arrears except for service in Scotland; and that the assessments and all other moneys are appointed for the current pay of the army, and are much below its growing charge.* 3 *Oct.* 1655. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 20. Order thereon discharging the former order to the Army Committee for payment, which is to be made from the Army contingencies. Also reference to Sir Thos. Honeywood, Col. Hezekiah Haynes and Dudley Templar, to confer with Mr. Shirley about his interrupting the service in Mersey Island. [*I.* 76, *p.* 340.]

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3. The Admiralty Commissioners to order 40 ships named, with 8,230 men, to be provided and made ready for use forthwith.

4. **61.** Mr. Jessop's letter from the Prize Goods' Commissioners, concerning their payments for freight, custom, and other incidents referring to the Prize Office, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to order the Prize Goods' Commissioners to pay the incident charges as the Admiralty Commissioners shall think meet, the order of Oct. 5 notwithstanding.

5. Thos. Dunne appointed Registrar for the City of London, for receiving appearances, making entries, and performing other services.

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6. Order, on report of Lieut.-Col. Mayer's petition [*see* 5 *Oct.* 1655],—that 100*l.* is already spent for repairs at Berwick, and 100*l.* more is needed,—for payment of 200*l.*; also that Gen. Monk appoint army officers to view the defects, and certify what should be further done for repair. Also Mayer is to sell a quantity of corn that has long lain at Berwick, and certify the amount of the proceeds. *Annexing,*

62. I. *Report alluded to, signed by Whalley and Goffe.* 11 *Oct.* 1655. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

8. Embree, the surveyor, to review the defects of the Horse Guards at the Mews, and repair them.

9. The Commissioners formerly approved to be inserted in the instructions annexed to the orders to secure the peace of this Commonwealth, and the rest of the blanks left.

10. The above order and instruction for the counties under Cols. Berry and Butler, to be delivered to Pickering, to be sent to them.

11. The persons named in Pickering's list of Commissioners for co. Rutland approved, and their names inserted.

12. The above order and instruction, dated Sept. 21, 1655, to be signed by one of the clerks of Council, as the Commissioners' names are inserted, leaving blanks for other names.

13. The Admiralty Judges and Dr. Walker to prepare a draft of an order to stop proceedings in that Court as to claims of Spanish or Flandrian subjects of the King of Spain; and meanwhile not to proceed on such claims. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 337–341.]

Oct. $\frac{20}{30}$. Cologne. **63.** Receipt by Thos. Barrow from Sec. Nicholas of 40 rix-dollars, as the King's gracious gift. [*Scrap.*]

Oct. $\frac{22}{\text{Nov. 1}}$. **64.** Deposition of Wm. Armorer. As the Duke of Gloucester and I were used to sell bargains, I sold the Duke one last Saturday. Then going out for hawks' meat, and having a hawk on my fist, I met Geo. Arnet and Major Rob. Hamilton coming towards the Court, when Arnet called me perfidious for speaking such words to the Duke, and gave me a box on the ear. I would have struck again, but Hamilton parted us. That evening, in the [King's] presence, Arnet again abused me, and I struck at him, and I think hit him.

Deposition of Geo. Arnet. The Duke of Gloucester being in the garden with much company, Armorer called to him from a chamber window that he had won, and the duke asking who had won, he answered ——, at which Lord Napier, Major Hamilton, and the rest of the company were much offended. Meeting Armorer in the street, I told him I wondered he could look any gentleman in the face after speaking so unworthily to the Duke, and struck him. That night, in the [King's] presence, Armorer struck me, without my having spoken to him, Sir Wm. Fleming and Major Hamilton being present.

Deposition of Major Rob. Hamilton. I was with Arnet on Saturday when we met Armorer Arnet reproved Armorer, called him an infamous fellow, and struck him on the head. When they were at the Court gate, Armorer struck at Arnet several times, but did not hit him, and Arnet laid his hand on his sword. I bade him stand off, or he would kill him.

In the presence afterwards, Armorer struck at Arnet several times and missed, but at last hit him. Arnet bade him forbear, as it added to his infamy to strike in such a place, and left the room, going backwards, and Armourer following and striking at him. [$3\frac{1}{8}$ *pages, in the handwriting of Sec. Nicholas.*]

Oct. 22. Portsmouth. **65.** Major Peter Murford to the Admiralty Commissioners. I appointed a soldier of this garrison, with others, to assist Capt. Blagg in arresting the irregular seamen belonging to the Marston Moor; 2 were taken without resistance, and remain in custody, waiting your orders. Being denied their pay, they have nothing to support them. I was constrained to put them under the custody of a soldier of the garrison, Thos. Newberry, the marshal, being by the late establishment reduced to storekeeper; having such great trusts, as well for the navy as the garrison, being often commanded to London, and being only allowed 1*s.* 6*d.* a day for both offices, it is difficult for him to perform them. Col. Norton, our Governor, intends shortly to wait upon his Highness about it, as it would be to the State's advantage that there should be a marshal here. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *page.*]

[Oct. 23.] **66.** Petition of Chas. Crosby, late under-keeper of Enfield Park, to the Treasury Commissioners. I purchased my place from the Earl of Salisbury for 400*l.*, and 5 years since the park was allowed to the soldiery for their arrears, on which I was outed, and my salary of 20*l.* a year, my sole livelihood, taken away. Having a wife and 4 small children, I have spent my stock of goods and run into debt, and beg relief to put my children out, that my wife and I, who have lived in good fashion and kept servants ourselves, may go to service. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 23. **67.** Report by the Treasury Commissioners on a reference of 4 April 1655, about 5,360*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* due to the Earl of Salisbury for Theobalds' Park.

That John Corbett reports from the Committee of Obstructions on the Earl's claim to the parks and manors of Theobalds, Cheshunt, and Enfield, that Parliament, 25 Dec. 1651, agreed to pay him the said sum in lieu of his claims, to be paid from estates of delinquents to be sold on an additional Act.

That 18 Nov. 1652, Parliament charged the sum on the money coming in at Goldsmiths' Hall, from $\frac{2}{3}$ of Papists' estates.

That the Goldsmiths' Hall Treasurers certify that no part of the sum is paid.

Also that Chas. Crosby, under-keeper of Enfield, begs relief, and is to be paid out of the said sum, which is yet unsatisfied. [$1\frac{1}{4}$ *pages.*] *Annexing,*

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67. I. *Report by Corbett alluded to,* 25 *Dec.* 1651. *Copy deposed to by Rob. Colby before Wm. Harington, Master in Chancery,* 20 *Sept.* 1655. [1¼ *pages.*].

67. II. *Parliament order of* 18 *Nov.* 1652 *alluded to, deposed to in like manner. With certificates of the Goldsmiths' Hall Treasurers as to the non-payment of the money.* 10, 15, *and* 22 *Oct.* 1655. [2¼ *pages.*]

Oct. 23. COUNCIL. Day's Proceedings.

1. **68.** The Admiralty Commissioners to provide a frigate to take the Spanish Ambassador to Flanders, and to instruct that she come not within danger of any of their forts.

3. Don Alonso de Cardenas, Spanish Ambassador, required to depart within 4 days. Notice hereof to be given him.

4. A copy of the instructions to the Major-Generals to be delivered to Pickering, with a copy of the orders for securing the peace of this Commonwealth.

5. The Treasury Commissioners to warrant the payment of 1,000*l.* to the Treasurer for sick and maimed soldiers, the order of 5 Oct. notwithstanding.

6. The 31 ships, named in a list given, with 3,010 men, to be provided and made fit for service, beside the 40 already ordered.

7. **69.** The Admiralty Commissioners to provide forthwith 6 months' victuals for 16,000 men to serve in the navy.

8. Order on Sydenham's report from a Committee on naval matters, that the Committee meet again for further consideration this afternoon.

9. Approval by the Protector of 2 orders of 11 and 12 Oct. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 442–3.]

Oct. 23. Guildhall. **70.** Rich. Bincks to the Navy Commissioners. On the action brought by John Flower against Jas. Wickliffe and Edw. King, his servants, it appears on trial that the young men were under age when they sealed their indenture, and therefore it was void in the opinion of counsel, and the Court ordered a special verdict. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 23. The Merlin, Dartmouth. **71.** Capt. Peter Foote, to the Admiralty Commissioners. I will sail the first opportunity. I hear from the gunner of Cascaes Castle, who is an Englishman, as also by a ship of London, that the Bristol, with two victuallers, as also the Hannibal, put into Lisbon on the 1st inst., and would be in Wieres Bay the 8th. I believe they will be heard of in a few days; the Spanish fleet were 45 leagues from that place, and no part of their fleet is near there. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 23. Plymouth. **72.** Capt. Hen. Hatsell to Col. John Clarke. Capt. Heaton is coming eastward in the Hampshire, having been kept with others in the Sound, by extremity of weather. The boat cast away belonged to one of the French ships. The captains produced passes from Council, of which copies are enclosed, and judge themselves free thereby.

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I have nothing to allege against them, but I refused to certify their being here and showing me their passes, as they desired, they being shy of putting to sea, from fear of meeting with other of our frigates.

Hearing that Swart has sailed from Brest in his new frigate of 190 men, with 3 others, I have ordered the Westward frigates to keep in company, hoping that they may meet, and good be done.

An order came to the Sub-Commissioners for Prize Goods, by the Prize Commissioners, to sell the frigate taken by the Saphire, but I have desired them to forbear. I suppose you have not yet passed over your right in Cockside, so that it now lies in your power to help Major Aske and Capt. Allen, the time for redemption having elapsed, and Mr. Yeo and Mr. Burrard having promised that what they received over and above the money should go amongst the creditors.

I had 26 French and 5 Irishmen in one of the great towers of the castle, who, on Sunday night, during the height of a storm, digged through the wall, and got out, unheard or discerned by the sentinel. They scattered themselves, and were met the next day going east and north, and although followed, they got into woods or under hedges, or travelled very fiercely, so as it is not reported they were taken, but two of them were found dead, or nearly so, under a hedge at Plymton. Where they lay in the castle, the rain came in, and they were wet night and day; I spoke to have the covering mended, but no one has orders for it. There are 50 Irish and a few English left, and I do not know what to do with them. The Western shipmasters are afraid to take them; they should be shipped in the Marston Moor and Indian, bound for the West Indies, where they may be made hewers of wood and drawers of water. [2 *pages.*]

Oct. 24. **73.** Petition of Thos. Underhill and Nathaniel Webb, stationers of London, to Council. We acknowledge it a great mercy that those who hold the foundation of religion in piety and unity, differing in lesser matters, are protected in the exercise of their religion by you, and prevented from injuring each other; but we are far from thinking you intend the same protection for blasphemers and heretics. This is shewn by your sending John Biddle to the Isle of Scilly; we beg that such course may be taken that your act about it may not eventually, though contrary to your intentions, prove the greater promoter of the book, as it has often fallen out in the like cases.

We beg to inform you that the *Prœadamitœ*, a Latin book printed beyond sea, and condemned to the fire at Paris and Rome, putting a blasphemous slur on the Bible testimony concerning the creation of man, is lately translated into English, and now printing in London by Francis Leech, of Shoe Lane, and entered at Stationers' Hall. We request its suppression. [1 *sheet.*]

Oct. 24. Order thereon that the Lord Mayor send for Leech and others, and enquire, and if the book is unfit to be published, stay all proceedings, secure the copy, and report the whole case. [*I.* 76, *p.* 343.]

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1. Order that Strickland and Jones send for some of the Commissioners for sale of the late King's goods, and ascertain the state of the business, and by what rules they will proceed in the distribution of the moneys received out of the Scotch fines; and if they see cause, prohibit the payment of more money till further order, and report.

2. Order,—on a certificate from Auditors Broad and Coe that the Spanish Leiger owes 2,100*l.* for rent of the house where he has lived 7 years, near Moorgate,—that the Treasury Commissioners direct that, if the money is due, it be paid.

4. To advise his Highness to direct the Commissioners for the French treaty to sign the articles thereof, the French Ambassador having certified his readiness to perfect the same.

5. Jones reports from the Committee on some naval affairs, referred to them Oct. 10.

6. **74.** All money falling due to the Treasury (except the monthly assessment) to be applied to the use of the navy, and for provisions for the forces in the West Indies, both at sea and land, deducting weekly 3,000*l.* for Government charges. The Treasury Commissioners to see this done, and the 3,000*l.* delivered weekly, according to directions from his Highness. This order to be in force for a year, from 1 Dec. next.

7. Order on Jones' report from the Committee of Council that several persons are willing to lend sums, 14,000*l.* in all, for present service, that the several sums shall be repaid on demand from the Navy Treasury.

8. Sydenham and Montague added to the Admiralty Committee.

9. His Highness requested to speak with Lord Mayor Pack on this day's debate about the Admiralty.

10. The matter in debate concerning pitch, hemp, tar, and the abatement of the prices of sack and Spanish fruits, and the embargoing of Spanish goods and ships, referred to Desborow, Lambert, Mulgrave, Lisle, and Strickland, to report.

11. Mr. Downing to attend Council to-morrow morning, to give account of his negotiation, and to have notice thereof.

12. The declaration concerning proceedings against delinquents to be brought in to-morrow. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 343–4.]

Oct. 24. **75.** Capt. Nich. Foster to the Admiralty Commissioners. The time of my non-employment having brought me low, I must endeavour a future subsistence. I annex a breviate of proceedings against me, and I enclose certificates of the ministers by whom I, in Barbadoes, and my wife here, were married. I pray an end may be put to the business, or my subsistence will fail. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

75. i. *Statement by Foster. On* 13 *Oct.* 1639, *I was married in Mary Maudlin Church, Old Fish Street, by Mr. Jennings, then minister. On* 12 *Nov. following, I sailed from London for Hartlepool, and on the* 21*st, in a violent*

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storm, I was shipwrecked. Being at Amsterdam, I went as assistant to a merchant, and was in the American Islands until 1645, *when I left, to follow my own business. I often enquired of my wife, and some said that she was married again, others that she died of the plague, of which she lay long sick in the Pest House.*

On 11 *Dec.* 1647, *I married a second time, and on* 1 *May* 1650, *was numbered amongst the banished [from Barbadoes], as by their Act of the* 23*rd of the same month appears, and with Col. Jas. Drax and others, came from thence, and landed at Dover in August following.*

Being come to London, I heard that this woman was living and re-engaged, whereupon I was dismayed, and resolving to live from both, I engaged in the service for Ireland.

On 24*th of Sept.* 1652, *the last woman was cast away in the Sea Flower of London. On this news, influenced by friends, affection, and conscience, in August* 1654, *the frigate then running into the river, I returned to my first wife. I beg consideration.* [1¼ *pages.*]

75. II. *Certificate by Elk. Downes, minister, that Wm. Wildber, mariner, and Eliz. Foster, widow, were married at the Trinity Parish, Minories, Middlesex,* 10 *Oct.* 1647, *before credible witnesses. Oct.* 10, 1647. [*Scrap.*]

75. III. *Certificate by Hen. Massey, Rector of the Parish of Philip's, Barbadoes, that Nich. Foster and Mary Barber were married there* 11 *Dec.* 1647. [⅓ *page.*]

Oct. 25. Order and Declaration of the Protector in Council, for all who have been of the late King or his son's party to depart from London and Westminster and the lines of communication, before 5 Nov. 1655.

His Highness having set down several orders for securing the peace, and committed the care of them to Major-Generals of the counties, to whom all persons who have borne arms against the Commonwealth are to give security for their conduct, to prevent future troubles, and noticing the great confluence of the disaffected to London and Westminster on expiration of the late Proclamation, renews the orders of the late Proclamation. [*See* 6 *July, p.* 232, *supra.*]

For better discovery of plots and disturbances, all appointed to depart, and not detained by imprisonment, illness, or lawsuits requiring their presence, are to repair to their common abode, place of birth, or their parents' abode, and not return before 9 Feb., or before giving security to the Major-General of the county. [*I.* 76 *A, p.* 137.]

Oct. 25. Note that the draft was brought in to Council, committed to Lambert, Pickering, Fiennes, Sydenham, and Strickland, Mr.

Secretary to assist; read, amended, the blanks filled up, passed by Council, approved by the Protector; ordered to be printed and published, and sent to the sheriffs of cities and counties, with form of a letter to them for its publication. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 345–6.]

Oct. 25. **76.** Petition of Wm. Penn to the Protector. Being honoured with the command of the fleet in the late American expedition, I returned home without leave, for which I have incurred your displeasure, and this is more displeasing to me than any worldly cross. My heart bears me witness that my return was not through refractoriness against superiors, but for advancement of the service, in giving an account of what would not otherwise be represented.

As I was at first willing to part with all that was dear to me to help forward this Christian design, I would rather never have gone if I thought my return would have made it less hopeful.

I beg release from restraint, on account of my family and my increasing distemper. It is the infirmity of man to err, but the virtue of a prince to pardon error. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 25. Order in Council—on the petition of Wm. Penn, prisoner in the Tower, in consideration of his acknowledgment of his fault and submission therein—to advise a warrant to the Lieutenant for his liberation, on his giving up to Mr. Jessop his commission as a general of the fleet; and note by Jessop of his giving up the commission, whereupon the warrant for his release was issued. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 345, 346.]

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1. To advise a commission to Col. Hum. Brewster to raise and command in Suffolk a troop of 100 horse, on the same consideration as the other Militia lately raised in the several counties.

3. The petition of Rob. Venables read.

4. **77.** Order to advise a warrant to pay 5*l.* to Lieut-Col. Wm. Arnop, from Army contingencies, for fire and candle for the 5 foot companies on guard at Whitehall. With request by Arnop for it to be changed to 15*l.*, 3*l.* being allowed to each company of other regiments, and also for an order for a barrel of powder, with match and bullet. 1 Jan. 1655–6.

5. Council to meet again at 4 p.m. to receive Downing's account of his late negotiation, and the reading of the declaration concerning the Spaniards.

6. **78.** Approval of Desborow's report from the Admiralty Commissioners of the distribution of the victuals to be provided for next year's service, viz.:—

In London - -	9,000	Dover - -	600
Portsmouth - -	5,000	Leith - -	500
Plymouth - -	4,500	Milford - -	500
Harwich - -	600	Kinsale - -	800
	Total - -	21,500	

7. **79.** The Admiralty Commissioners empowered to change any ship in the list of those ordered to be prepared for the State's service for another of equal strength.

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12. The form of a letter to be sent to the Major-Generals, read again, the last clause omitted, and ordered to be presented to his Highness.

13. The declaration concerning the Spaniards to be read and considered first thing to-morrow; Fiennes to be present. [*I.* 76. *pp.* 344–6.]

Oct. 25. The Bristol, Spithead.

80. Capt. Robt. Clarke to the Admiralty Commissioners. My sudden return with the 3 victuallers sent to Gen. Blake's fleet, contrary to expectation, is owing to Gen. Blake having left the coast for England before we came to Cascaes on 27 Sept., and is according to an order left by him at Lagos. I have brought over Mr. Wilson, the agent at Cadiz, and two Portuguese churchmen going to France; I shall acquaint the Governor of Portsmouth respecting them. Mr. Dobbin's ship of London also came in our company. We have 11 weeks' victuals, but the ship is very foul. I want orders for the powder, money, and packets I received for Gen. Blake. [¾ *page.*]

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81. Capt. Robt. Clarke to the Admiralty Commissioners. I left England on 19 Sept., and arrived in Cascaes Road with the two victuallers on the 27th, but found no order left with the Portuguese. They told me that Gen. Blake was gone northward, so I sent a messenger to Lisbon to enquire of the English merchants, and received answer that he was gone home; that the Spanish fleet lay off St. Vincent, and that the King of Spain had proclaimed war with England on 15 Sept., had put our merchants in prison, and had also seized some of our ships. On this I went to Lisbon myself to enquire further, and understanding that the King's secretary had a letter from Gen. Blake, which was sent to the Governor of Lagos, as also an order to be delivered to the commanders of any English ships that should arrive, I procured copies of both from Barnaby Craford, which I enclose.

I advised with the merchants and masters of the victuallers, and finding danger in going to Lagos, the Spanish fleet lying there, sent to Capt. Dowgon [Dunquam] through Mr. Wilson, the agent at Cadiz, for the original order. I sent the 2 victuallers into Wiers Bay, and plied off to sea, to warn merchant ships bound to Spain, it being the time for the Newfoundland men to come in. I met with some, as also with Capt. Haddock, and hearing that the Martin galley had left England to look for Gen. Blake, I went to look for her, but without effect. On the 5th I returned to Cascaes Road, and on the 8th my messenger returned, and confirmed the news, as we heard of some merchant ships being chased into Faro. Mr. Phillips' ship of London came to Lisbon, but he was a prisoner with his boat's crew and merchants at Trafalgar. Others also came in that had met Algiers and Dutch men-of-war, who acquainted them with the war, and were very civil. I met Jno. Pierce of Bristol, bound for Faro, but seeing the Spanish fleet under Cape St. Vincent, he went back to Lisbon; he said he saw 30 sail on the 7th.

On the 11th we set sail homewards, at which time the Constant Warwick also arrived; he had met 25 sail of French, which we afterwards seeing, chased until dark, when they went into Cascaes Road. We met a ship of London, bound for Faro, which had been taken by some Ostenders, and carried into Vigo, where there were 7 more, which had been taken, including Capt. Sidrack Blake, but order was sent from the King of Spain to clear them all, as he would not own the business, it being done by some governor's order. [1¼ *pages.*]

Oct. 26. **82.** Complaints by John Pimlowe, clerk of Holbeach, co. Lincoln, to Council, against John Hobson:—

(1.) Frequenting alehouses, and getting persons drunk.
(2.) Setting up alehouses by his own authority, without any other justice of peace, and licensing persons of ill-fame.
(3.) Enriching himself by taking fines that should go to the poor of the parish.
(4.) Binding persons to good behaviour, and not returning the recognizances at the sessions, and taking great sums to himself.
(5.) Taking unwarrantable sums on marriages. [⅔ *page.*]

Oct. 26. **83.** Reference thereon in Council to Capt. Fras. Clinton, *alias* Fiennes, Capt. Wm. Thompson, Hum. Walcott, Richard and Sam. Cust, and Rob. Yarborough. [½ *page; also I.* 76, *p.* 346.]

Oct. ? **84.** John Hobson to [the said Committee.] Of the 5 charges made against me, I disavow the first 3. In binding persons on recognizances, I have only done what other justices do. As to marriage fees, I take 7 groats, 1*s.* to the registrar, 1*s.* to the clerk for his certificate, and 4*d.* to the clerk of the peace, for the entry in the public registry. If this answer does not satisfy, I beg a full perusal of the evidences against me, and liberty to vindicate myself. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 26. Whitehall. **85.** Petition of John Clarke to the Protector. On 21 Aug. 1654, had 20 bullocks stolen out of his pasture, and next March, Rob. Girling of Barking, Essex, was taken at Thetford assizes, Norfolk, on suspicion of stealing them, and bound over in 40*l.* himself, and 2 sureties 20*l.* each, to appear at Norwich assizes, but he fled and did not appear. Begs leave to recover the forfeited recognizances towards his loss. With reference to the Treasury Commissioners, to certify to Council thereon. [1 *sheet.*]

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2. **86.** A brief statement of Chas. Walley's account for army matters in England, Scotland, and Ireland, certified and signed by the auditors of the Prests, referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, to speak with Walley or others, and report.

3. An augmentation of 62*l.*, granted by the Trustees for maintainance of Ministers, to Rich. Fairclough, Minister of Mells, co.

Somerset,—viz., 22*l.* out of Congresbury, 9*l.* from Compton Bishop, and 30*l.* from Cleveden, Parbury, and Tottingham,—approved.

4. Order that—whereas the expenses of the registrar, and other incidental charges of the Commissioners for ejecting ignorant and scandalous Ministers and Schoolmasters, were to be discharged from the profits of the livings during vacancy, but no profits arise because of the speedy presentation by the patrons,—the Commissioners for approbation of Preachers forbear to present anyone to a living so vacated, unless he produce a certificate that he has satisfied or will satisfy the charges, which are not to exceed $\frac{1}{5}$ of the value.

5. Order,—on certificate from Thos. Appletree and Walter Elwood, to whom was referred, 13 July last, the petition of the inhabitants of Henley-on-Thames, co. Oxon, complaining of the outing of John Tyler from the office of town clerk, and the placing of an unfit person, John Whistler;—that as there was no reason for outing Tyler, and as Whistler is uncapable of a place of trust, he be removed from the office, and Tyler restored. *Annexing,*

87. I. *Certificate alluded to, asserting that the warden and inhabitants refused to produce their charter to prove that they had the right to out Tyler, or any reason for it; also that Whistler is a Cavalier. Oxford,* 20 *Oct.* 1655. [1 *page.*]

6, 7. Desborow, Sydenham, Pickering, and Jones, to consider Col. Guibon's return of proposals for compositions in Jersey on the order of 21 Sept., and report. Also to report on what was now proposed by his Highness concerning the people of Jersey, and how it may best be carried out.

8. Also to consider the papers depending concerning Guernsey presented by Mr. de la Marche and Mr. Haviland, and referred by his Highness to Council.

9. Fiennes' report of the draft of a declaration for justifying his Highness's proceedings in America read, and referred back to the Committee, to prepare fit amendments and offer them this afternoon; Mr. Secretary to assist.

10. Order on report on the petition of the mayor and inhabitants of Lincoln,—complaining of irregular proceedings in electing a delinquent mayor, outing the town clerk, and other disorders in the government of the city,—that Commissary-Gen. Whalley, Major-General of the county, and Major-Gen. Berry, on going to those parts, examine the whole matter of those complaints, and certify. *Annexing,*

88. I. *Report alluded to, signed by Mulgrave and Strickland.* [$\frac{2}{3}$ *page.*]

14. Thos. Simons, Engraver of the Mint and Seals, having prepared a Seal for Council, and for the Councils in Scotland and in Ireland, order that the Seals of Scotland and Ireland be approved, and that a new Seal be made for his Highness's Council, without the word *Angliæ* in the motto.

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15. The petition of Lovell Scot, referred by his Highness to Council, referred to Sydenham, Fiennes, Jones, and Mulgrave, to report.

16. Order,—Mr. Maundy having prepared a mace for Scotland, now presented;—that Mr. Secretary take order for sending it and the Seal to Scotland.

17. Fiennes' report from the Committee, of several clauses to be left out of the Declaration concerning Spaniards, and one clause to be inserted, approved.

18. The clause in a letter from Parliament to the King of Spain, in Jan. 1650–1, wherein they insist on justice being done on Ant. Ascham's murderers, to be printed in the margin of the said Declaration, against the clause concerning his assassination; and the Declaration so amended passed, approved by his Highness, and ordered to be printed and published.

19. The title thereof to be, "A Declaration of his Highness, by advice of his Council, setting forth, on behalf of this Commonwealth, the justice of their cause against Spain."

24. Order,—on consideration of a matter long depending before the late Council of State, on the petition of Huet Leate, merchant, concerning the ship Vineyard, laden in London with merchandize of Nich. Leate his father, and others, of 24,000*l.* value, which was seized on her voyage to Zante by a Spanish war ship and 3 frigates in the Port of Milo, and not restored, and no satisfaction given, notwithstanding several sentences given in Spain;—that letters of reprizal be granted to Leate against the King of Spain to recover the loss; the Admiralty Judges to pass them under the Admiralty Seal, the usual security being given.

25. **89, 90.** Before the Admiralty Judges issue any Commissions of Reprizal against the King of Spain, they must obtain satisfactory security from those to whom they are to be issued. The Admiralty Commissioners to consider the sufficiency of the securities tendered, and report to the Admiralty Judges.

26. An embargo and seizure to be made of all ships and goods here belonging to Spain, and authority given to all our ships to seize Spanish ships and goods accordingly. Desborow, Fiennes, Sydenham, Mulgrave, and Jones, to speak with Dr. Walker about preparing the draft of an order for the above purpose. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 346–351.]

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91. Navy Commissioners to the Admiralty Commissioners. On your order of the 16th, we have caused a survey to be made of the ships lately returned from America and the Straits, and enclose a statement. We have also given order for the 40 ships mentioned by you on the 23rd to be got ready for sea, and send account of their condition; we think the Andrew should be substituted for the James.

We doubt not but the weight of present affairs is duly apprehended and digested, as in other respects so in the state of the yards, in the number of men established there, if a sudden dispatch be expected; and especially the condition of the stores, and the great charge necessarily required for carrying out of this and other services of a like nature. We have been a long time draining our stores, and making no considerable supplies, and our credit, for want of due payment in late times, is so much impaired, that unless reasonable provision be made for money, whereby former debts may be satisfied in some convenient time, and like compliance be had with future engagements, we shall either not be able to procure what is needful, or if we do, it will be upon most dishonourable and destructive terms. [1 *page.*] *Enclosing,*

91. I. *Survey of the ships lately come in from the Straits and the West Indies, viz.,* 8 *at Deptford, and* 13 *at Woolwich, by Chris. Pett, Manlie Callis, and Sam. Raven;* 8 *at Chatham, by Capt. John Taylor; and* 8 *at Portsmouth, by John Tippetts and* 2 *others,* 22–26 *Oct.* 1655. [12 *pages.*]

91. II. *Account of the condition of* 40 *ships ordered on Oct.* 23 *to be prepared for sea.* [1 *sheet.*]

Oct. 27. Hull. **92.** John Tye to Rob. Blackborne. I write at request of divers gentlemen of this town, to know whether all soldiers that receive a salary ought to be assessed according to their salary. [$\frac{1}{3}$ *page.*]

Oct. 30. **93.** Petition of Owen Hookes, agent for the Commissioners for Monthly Assessments, co. Carnarvon, to Council. On a warrant from the Army Committee, John Parry, receiver-general for the county, was to pay 1,086*l.*, part of the assessments, to Major Goodrich. This he said he had paid, and converting most of his estate into money, he departed privately to London, and wrote word that he was gone to perfect his accounts at Guildhall. It is found that he is in arrear 4,335*l.* 6*s.* 11½*d.* from 1649 to 1651, and the county is put to untolerable wrong by its re-assessment upon them, 1,086*l.* being already levied. The Commissioners have summoned Parry in vain, for he goes about and cannot be spoken with. We beg an order to search for him in the houses where he is suspected to be, keep him in custody till he pays his arrears, and seize his estate and goods to the use of the county. [1 *page; also I.* 92, *No.* 464.]

Oct. 30. Order for a warrant to the Serjeant-at-arms to apprehend him wherever he be found, and bring him in safe custody before Council. [*I.* 76, *p.* 353.]

Oct. 30. **94.** Petition of John Sparrow, Rich. Hill, Rich. Blackwall, Sam. Wilson, Hum. Blake, and Rob. Turpin, Commissioners for Prize Goods, to the Protector and Council. In managing our business with honesty and diligence, we have met many affronts and abuses for our strictness, yet have not complained; but now John Brewer has arrested us at law, because we only allowed him 236 gallons to a tun of sweet wine, he demanding 252; and Giles Vandeput has entered an action for our detaining 1,500*l.* restored him by the Admiralty Court, as the assignee of an Antwerpian. We beg freedom from

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these and other arrests, that we may follow the business of the State without interruption, our reputations being very dear to us. 5 signatures. [1 *page.*]

Oct. 30. Reference thereon by Council to Jones, Sydenham, and Montague, to examine the persons complained of, and report. [*I.* 76, *p.* 353.]

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1. Order—on petition of Rob. Venables, and his acknowledgment and submission therein contained—to advise his release from the Tower, and that he give up his commission as General, and his command in Ireland. The warrant for his release to be acted on as soon as he delivers them to Mr. Jessop. Approved 30 Oct.

2. Two or three of the Committee on the Declaration touching proceedings against delinquents to withdraw, and wait on his Highness for despatch of that business.

3. An augmentation of 50*l.*, certified by the Trustees for maintenance of Ministers to Jos. Hull, minister of Launceston, co. Cornwall, approved.

4. Order—on Sydenham's report from the Committee on Naval Affairs, that the Prize Goods' Commissioners have sold 1,800*l.* worth of Dutch money which came out of the Red Rose of Amsterdam, on condition of its transport without paying custom—that license be granted to John Ramsey to transport the money in 4 chests, custom free.

5. Our ships to be authorized to seize all Spanish ships and goods, and notice hereof to be given to the Generals at sea, to give order with all speed.

6. This order to be sent to the Admiralty Commissioners, to send it to the Generals.

7. To advise an order for 20*l.* to be paid to Lieut.-Col. Mill, for fire and candles for the guards attended by Col. Ingoldsby's regiment; and 20*l.* to Lieut.-Col. White, for the guards kept by the regiment late Col. Goffe's.

8. The petition of Dame Dorothy, widow of Sir Chas. Howard, on behalf of herself and her 8 younger children, 4 sons and 4 daughters, read, and ordered to be committed. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 352–3.]

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1. Order, on a paper offering a discovery of great abuse to the State in sale of the late King, Queen, and Prince's lands, &c., that the Treasury Commissioners examine the matter, consult whom they think fit, and report speedily.

2. Order—on hearing that Manasseh Ben-Israel, a Jew, is attending at the door with some books which he wishes to present to Council,—that Mr. Jessop go out to receive them, and bring them in.

4, 5. To advise that Sir Christ. Pack, Alderman of London, and Lieut.-Col. Salmon be Admiralty Commissioners, and that the commission for the Admiralty Commissioners be renewed.

6. Council to meet at 4 this afternoon.

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7. Order on a letter from Gen. Venables—taking notice that he had seen Council's vote of yesterday concerning his enlargement, and is ready to deliver up his General's commission, and to give a resignation of his Irish command; only he has not his commission with him—that, on his delivery to Jessop of his commission as General, and a resignation in writing of his command in Ireland, with a promise to deliver the commission when he can get it, the warrant for his liberation be executed.

8. Order on report from the Committee on the whole matter of fines for compositions imposed on the inhabitants of Jersey—taking note of the moderate proceedings of the Commissioners, and that the total of fines is about 11,730*l.*, whereof nearly 4,000*l.* was paid to Maj-Gen. Heane—that the fines imposed by the Commissioners on the inhabitants' compositions be confirmed, but that from the fine such sum be abated as any of the inhabitants have already paid to Maj.-Gen. Heane, and that all concerned pay up their fines within the time the Commissioners holding the letters patent shall appoint, the late letter from Council to Col. Guibon, Governor of Jersey, notwithstanding; and since it is reported that some have not yet perfected their compositions, power is granted the Commissioners to perfect them till Jan. 1, 1655–6.

9. For the service performed by the Commissioners for Compounding in Jersey, there is to be paid out of the fines which come in, 50*l.* to Col. Rob. Guibon; 50*l.* to Michael Lemprière, Bailiff of the Island; and 150*l.* to Maj. Wm. Harding, who has made several journeys between London and Jersey. The Receiver-General of the Island to pay them accordingly.

10. Order on a report from the Committee on Wine Licenses, that the management thereof be referred to the Customs' Commissioners, who are empowered to proceed therein, and make what improvement they can, with the qualifications and cautions contained in a report from the Treasury Commissioners. Approved 9 Nov. *Annexing,*

I. *Report of the Treasury Commissioners alluded to, addressed to the Protector. On your Highness's reference to us June 20 last, of the proposal annexed, we offer such cautions as we think fit for the better management of the Agency for Wine Licenses, viz.:—*

Powers to be given to the Agents for granting Wine Licenses, for the regulation of that affair, whether farmed or not,—

To compound and agree with any persons for keeping taverns for selling wine by retail in England or Wales (except Devon, Cornwall, Exeter), and to grant licenses for any term or number of years not exceeding ——.

Also for dispensations and pardons for offences against penal laws, proclamations, or ordinances

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against taverns, or selling wine retail, and the penalties and forfeitures thereon.

All compositions, dispensations, and licenses to be confirmed under the Great Seal, by warrant under your Highness's sign manual.

The transcripts of such licenses, &c., to be sufficient warrant for the Lords Commissioners or Lord Keeper of the Great Seal to enter them, being first entered at the Signet or Privy Seal.

The Agents may prepare such licenses, engrossed for the Great Seal, paying as in the last grant to Lord Goring and others.

Such pardons, so passed, to be good, any Acts, ordinances, &c., to the contrary notwithstanding.

The licenses and warrants to pass the Great Seal to be such as in the last grant to Lord Goring and others, 7 Car., with a clause that such grant shall be good against your Highness and your successors.

The Clerk of the Enrolment required to enter all such warrants.

The Agents to discharge from keeping taverns all not paying the rent reserved for such licenses, or not performing conditions agreed.

On surrender or determination of any license, the Agents to grant a new one, on such fines, &c., as they think fit.

The Agents to take bonds and make articles in your Highness's name for non-payment; or on breach thereof, to prosecute in your name.

The Agents to implead in any Court, or by any warrant from the Treasury Commissioners, Lord Treasurer, or Lord Chamberlain of the Exchequer, directed to any messenger or other minister of your Highness, to arrest and imprison for rent, fines, &c., due.

The Agents to levy and take execution of any debts, as the King might have done.

A command to be given that on exemplification of these letters patents, warrants and processes shall be granted out of the Exchequer.

The Agents to reserve so much rent on every license as they think fit.

The Agents not to grant license to anyone who has been in arms against Parliament, unless he has since been in the Parliament's service, and given signal testimony of his affection thereunto, on the witness of 4 credible neighbours, 2 to be justices of peace; and if any such transfer his license to an unqualified person, it shall become null and void.

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Clauses beside the before-mentioned to be considered, in order to farming,—

The lessees to have to their own use the arrears of rent and compositions due, and power to compound for past offences.

Your Highness to covenant for accepting security taken by the lessees for rent and prosecution, and for levying the same by process out of the Exchequer.

On payment of the rent reserved from the lessees, all moneys recovered into the Exchequer from guarantees to be delivered out to the lessees to their own use, unless it be accepted and retained for satisfaction of the said rent and arrears.

Receipts or releases under the lessees' hands to be good discharge against any charge of your Highness for rent, &c., due within the time of the lessees' interest, and sufficient warrant to the court to deliver out any bonds or securities in prosecution of the same.

The licenses granted by them to expire with the term of the lease; or, in case they have power to grant licenses continuing after their term, to tie them not to grant any license on a bare fine, without reserving a yearly rent.

Wherever fines shall be taken, the yearly rent thus reserved shall be at least a ——— part of the fine.

They shall leave 5,000*l. a year reserved on the said licenses, at the end of their term, payable to your Highness.*

A year before the end of their term, they shall give in to the Exchequer Court a book of the licenses, with the rents reserved on them.

Care to be taken to secure the rents reserved.

Mem.—To consider the taverns in London and Westminster. 30 *Aug.* 1655.

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13. Order that the Generals at sea be authorised, with the ships under their command, to seize, surprise, and take all the ships and goods of the King of Spain and his subjects, and in case of opposition, to fight with, fire, sink, or destroy them, and slay all who resist. All ships and goods seized to be brought in without breaking bulk or embezzlement, with their bills of lading and other papers, and delivered to Commissioners to be appointed, that proceedings may be taken in the Admiralty Court. The Generals to give speedy notice hereof to all captains of ships under their command. [*I.* 76, *pp.* 353–7.]

Oct. 31. Declaration of his Highness in Council, showing the reasons of their proceedings for securing the peace of the Commonwealth, on occasion of the late insurrection.

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After God had so clearly decided the contests with the late King and his party that they were wholly vanquished, and their persons and estates subjected to those whom they designed to enslave, it was hoped they would have been convinced of their errors, and lived in peace, especially if they and their estates were made free from punishment. They were therefore admitted to compound, on terms so easy that many were in better condition than the Parliamentary party, who had to make large payments to maintain the war.

The intention of those who gave them their estates and protection is very different from that of past ages, when loss of life and confiscation were the consequence of defeat in civil commotions. But their reformation, not their ruin, was designed.

Thus after the battle of Worcester, on 3 Sept. 1651, though the party was utterly dispersed in England, and had lost their strength both in Scotland and Ireland, endeavours were made to unite the people and compose their spirits. There was a performance—punctual without a parallel in history—of the articles of war, a court being expressly appointed therefor, and an Act of Grace and Oblivion was passed, whose only object was to follow peace and reformation, and thus relieve the taxes. So great respect was had to this sort of men in the settlement of the present Government that, after 3 Parliaments, they were to be admitted to sit in the supreme councils of this nation.

Many opposed these indulgences, as likely to cause new troubles, but Parliament thought no men could be so resolved in their way that neither the dispensations of God nor the goodness of men could work upon them; but if otherwise, they would be left without excuse, however severe might be the proceedings taken against them. Unless the carriage had been thus tender towards them we could not have used the course we are now obliged to take against them; but they have proved themselves implacable, and never to be drawn from that cursed interest which has occasioned the shedding of so much innocent blood, and almost the ruin of these lands. Therefore we are obliged in duty to proceed in another way, and not, by Articles of War and Acts of Oblivion, to assist our enemies to execute their malice and revenge.

The Act of Oblivion was intended to be answered with obedience; but this failing, it is no longer obligatory. No magistrate should show favour to those who only refrain from outward acts, but remain enemies at heart.

The late King's party have notoriously shown that they adhere to their old principles, and have been all along hatching disturbance by secret assassination or open force. Therefore it will not be thought strange that we have seized many who were not in open arms in the late insurrection, nor that we have laid a burden on the estates of the rest, to defray the charge that they have occasioned.

Though the walks of conspirators are sly and secret, we will set down part of them. Having tried in vain by underhand contrivances to wind themselves into power, they determined to raise a new war. They sent agents to Charles Stuart, with letters of

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This being well accepted, a select Council was chosen, called the sealed knot, who were to reside in and about London, and correspond with others in the nation :—

(1.) To engage all that were in the former wars, or friendly thereto, or discontented, and they were to bring all their tenants, and lay designs for seizing garrisons and strong places.

(2.) To raise a bank of 100,000*l.* in England, beside Wales, for buying arms and other expenses, for which privy seals were to be sent to several persons in England.

(3.) Charles Stuart was to be maintained, and this has been so well prosecuted, that he has had many thousands a year these past years.

To make their design easier and surer, at a time when all was at peace, and the nation weary of war, they tried, by the assassination of particular persons, to raise confusions and contests, which should give the King's party opportunity to rise. Fitzjames went to the King's eldest son, then at Paris, on this account, and had money given him therefor, but he and John Gerard afterwards joined in that design, the particulars of which are already published.

It has since come to our knowledge that this was not the heady and rash resolution of Gerard himself, but a part of the design laid by the pretended King, and those who conduct his affairs; that he himself spoke both to Fitzjames and Gerard about it, and declared that he looked upon it as the only means to set all his other designs in motion. He refused to speak with Major Henshaw who went to Paris on this design, and conferred with Prince Rupert; but the prince told Charles Stuart, who approved, and would have spoken with Henshaw but from a rumour that Henshaw was sent hence to abuse them. He gave Gerard and Fitzjames precise directions to make no attempt till all his friends were ready in England. Boswell, Pierce, and others, were employed for those assassinations, the particulars of which are too large to set down.

They employed agents to foment discontents, and provoke them to a rupture, on pretence that their liberties were infringed by keeping an army, enforcing taxes, and not calling a free Parliament, and pamphlets thereon were constantly appearing. John Wildman and others managed that business (as they imagined), without the least suspicion of corresponding with the old enemy, and though loose and atheistical in their own principles, they induced better-minded people to join them on pretence of striving for a more pure administration. Wildman was apprehended just as he was dictating to his servant the conclusion of a declaration for a rising, at a time answering to the rising of the Royal party a few days after.

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Their agents were instructed to enquire,—

(1.) The strength of the army in England, Scotland, and Ireland, who have the chief interest in them, and how their officers are affected.

(2.) What are the principal garrisons, especially ports, and whether best to be gained by force or treaty.

(3.) What is the present and intended future strength at sea.

(4.) What are the revenue and expense, and how is the overplus, if any, of expense supplied.

(5.) What is the condition of trade, and if much decayed, what consequences it may draw.

(6.) Whether the Protector is absolute, or has to comply with others; who are his chiefest friends or enemies; who have the greatest power in England; how the people and army are affected to him and the new government.

(7.) What parties are on foot, their strength, principles, and chief leaders, and whether inclined to the present government or conjunction with the King.

(8.) What are the designs of the Protector and government as to war or peace with foreign nations.

(9.) What is done in England and Scotland towards reducing the King's party in the Highlands.

These instructions show what that party was doing. Meanwhile, agents were employed in the West, North, East, Surrey and Kent, &c., and Wales, to plan a time for a general rising. A chief part was to engage the apprentices and common people of London to fire the city, or otherwise prevent its appearing in arms.

Privy Seals were issued for money, treasurers appointed, some money raised, great part of which was discovered and seized, as also arms and provisions bought and sent to the respective counties. Also they solicited foreign princes for men and money to invade this country, and procured some and promise of more, if some strong sea town could be put into their hands, as a place of landing and retreat.

The pretended King was very desirous to come over, as appears by the following letter, written to his party, 16 July 1654:—

"I am wellpleased to hear of your care in my affairs, and the course you resolve to take. I have been so tender of my friends that I would not call on them to appear till I could give them good encouragement from abroad, but that comes so slowly that I will no

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Your affectionate friend,
CHARLES R."

After this letter things went on apace, and the party was so unanimous and resolved that, (as they have acknowledged on their examinations) they thought it impossible for us to prevent their designs. They were so confident that they would not take in the discontented of the Parliament party, whom they might be troubled to get rid of afterwards.

They at first resolved to rise at the horse races, where they and their servants would come well horsed and armed, but were prevented by the prohibition of horse races.

Then they fixed on the rising of the last Parliament, hoping it would be with dissatisfaction, observing that Parliament had insisted on the disbanding of a great part of the army, to which we were not likely to consent, from our knowledge of their designs; but this conspiracy being discovered, many arms and several of the leaders seized, and 3,000 foot and 600 horse brought over from Ireland, they were disheartened. But Charles Stuart having come from Cologne to Zealand to attend the rising, and to come over in person if it answered, and Lord Wilmot, Maj.-Gen. Wagstaff, O'Neale, and others of that party, being actually come over to lead the design, they made their attempt, 12 March 1654–5.

Observing that the body of the army lay about London, they designed to rise first in the West and Wales, then in the North and other remote parts, hoping to draw away the army, and then Kent, Surrey, and London were to rise, and make themselves masters of the city. They reckoned on 8,000 in the North, not fewer in the West, and more than both in these parts, when the army should have left. They intended to seize Portsmouth, Plymouth, York, Hull, Newcastle, Tynemouth, Chester, Shrewsbury, Yarmouth, Lyme, Boston, and the Isle of Ely. The forces in the West were to be commanded by the Duke of York, those in the North by Lord Wilmot, whom they call Earl of Rochester.

The insurrection in the West was bold and dangerous, and in case of success, might have increased to great numbers by the landing of foreign forces, and the seizing of some place of strength, had they not been prevented by the motion of some troops, and diligence of the officers, in apprehending some of the party a few days before, so that it was suppressed by a handful of men.

That of Yorkshire, which the enemy most relied on, failed through our forces marching up and down, and some of them removing their

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In North Wales and Shropshire, where they intended to surprise Shrewsbury, some of the chief being apprehended, the rest fled.

At Rufford Abbey, Notts, another rendezvous, 500 met and had a cart load of arms to arm such as came, but on a sudden panic, they fled and left their arms. The smaller parties who were to seize Chester and rise in Staffordshire and elsewhere were thus discouraged.

Thus this great design, the work of 4 years' contrivance, was defeated, and the cruel and bloody enemy disappointed.

All would have thought that they would have been weary of attempts, and forsaken that cause, but now they are at work on designs here and in Scotland, and have sent agents to procure men and money from foreign states.

It is therefore evident that, unless we would give up all for which so much blood has been spilled, and the hope of reforming this nation from the spirit of profaneness, we must secure the peace by additional forces, the charge of which ought not to be put on those who have borne the heat and burden of the day, but on those who are the occasion of all our dangers.

We have therefore erected a standing Militia of horse in all counties, under such pay as may encourage them, and yet not be burdensome, and laid the charge on such of those who were engaged in the late wars as are able to bear it.

It may seem great severity to tax the whole party, when few have been convicted or detected, in which case their whole estates had been confiscated, but we appeal to all indifferent men whether the party was not generally involved in this business.

No one can suppose that the pretended King would have proposed to land, and Wilmot and Wagstaff would have come over, and men would actually have risen, unless they relied on more persons than those who were visible. The great sums raised could not come out of a few hands. The party kept together, spoke against the well-affected, and some boasted of a sudden change.

Also the rising was made when only a well-formed power could hope to put us into disorder, Scotland and Ireland being perfectly reduced, differences with neighbour nations composed, and our forces in order by sea and land. Yet neither the apprehension of some of the party, nor the bringing in forces from Scotland and Ireland, nor "the wakeful eye of an army of whose virtue there hath been some proof in times past," could prevent a rising in several parts at the same time. These things show great deliberation and general consent of the party, therefore all must see that the design was general.

If the supreme magistrate were in such cases tied to ordinary rules, and could not proceed against the suspected, there would be

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no safety from conspiracy. But supposing some are innocent, yet as they avow, and love and glory in the cause, it is but just that they should share in the charge of securing the State against the dangers of which they are the authors. This is agreeable to many precedents, which were intended to terrify men from such attempts in future. It is contrary to our former principles of trying to oblige them by kindness, but we are constrained thereto; and in not doing it, we should be wanting in our duty to God and these nations.

They have laboured to keep separate from the well affected; have had their children educated by the ejected clergy; have married within their own party; have tried to lessen the esteem of the English nation abroad; and having separated themselves from the body of the nation, ought to be at the charge of the dangers they have bred.

But if any wish to leave this confederacy, and can truly say that he has changed his interests, and can show, by good works before the late insurrection, a disclaimer of his former course, and means in future to live quietly, he shall be dealt with according to his integrity; or if any forsake their former interest, and give real demonstrations thereof, we shall more esteem their reformation than desire their harm.

We publish these things chiefly that the well affected may be encouraged, and not suffer themselves to be divided by artifices and factions from that settlement and reformation which every good man longs for. [*I.* 76 *A*, *pp.* 169–181. *Printed in Parliamentary History of England, Vol. XX.*, *pp.* 435–460.]

Oct. 31. Note that Mr. Secretary reports to Council from the Committee the declaration touching proceedings against delinquents as amended, which was read in parts, several more amendments made, a last clause omitted, passed, presented to his Highness by the Earl of Mulgrave, vice-president, approved by him, and ordered to be printed and published. [*I.* 76, *p.* 357.]

Oct. **95.** John Smith to John Dirdo. I hear nothing of the cloth you mention, nor can I conceive what way it should come to my hands, but if any do, I will convey it to you by the first ship for Holland if our trade continue open. Endorsed by Sec. Nicolas. R^{d} $\frac{3}{13}$ Nov. My cousin Ned to me. [½ *page.*]

LETTERS and PAPERS relating to the NAVY, &c.

Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1654–5. Jan. 1	Capt. Edm. Thompson.	Gen. Jno. Desborow.	Desires another commission, having left his employment at Yarmouth when sent for to serve the State in the Advantage frigate against the Hollander, and it being now difficult to return to his former occupation.	Vol. 103. 1
„ 2	Ordnance Officers -	Adm. Com.	Surveyed the brass ordnance taken out of the Success, and find 12 six-pounders defective, which ought to be recast towards furnishing the Naseby, as also 3 mortar pieces.	2
„ „	Capt. Math. Browne, *Wren.*	„	Has arrived with a packet from Dublin, and is to return with one. His appointed station is between Scilly and Lundy Island, to look for the enemies' men-of-war.	3
„ „	Edw. Mundy, *Woodbridge.*	Navy Comrs	Has sent in part of the 300 loads of plank he bought for the service in Suffolk, has a hoy with 60 loads, ready to be delivered at Woolwich by order of Commissioner Pett, and 200 or 300 more to be sent where they shall direct. Has drawn a bill of exchange upon them, and begs payment. Asks leave to contract for 400 loads more, and security for men who come with more than 5 horses in a team to bring in the timber, or it cannot be carried.	4
„ 3	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Whitehall.*	Navy Comrs	As money has been taken from the monthly assessments for naval affairs at Plymouth, which he has to repay into the Treasury at Guildhall, has charged 400*l.* upon the treasurer, and desires order for payment.	5
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Have no cognizance of the repairs of the ships mentioned at Kinsale, beyond what is stated in their order, on the petition of Thos. Cliffe on behalf of Hamerston Hurst of Kinsale, but if they are satisfied of the disbursements, and that no satisfaction has been made, they ought to be paid.	6
„ „	Ric. Hattir - -	Lieut.-Col. Kelsey.	Mr. Tyler bought the Signet, for which, with other debts, he owes 450*l.*, and the State owes him 1,000*l.* for freights. His petition that the 450*l.* might be deducted from the 1,000*l.* was referred to the Admiralty Commissioners, as what would be equitable between private men; desires his furtherance, as it will be exceeding hard to compel him to pay the 450*l.*, without giving him any satisfaction for the 1,000*l.*	7
„ „	Robt. Midford, *Woolwich.*	Navy Comrs	Robert Thorne having cast the hulk at Woolwich from her moorings, it cost 3*l.* to remoor her, which he ought to pay. Having great need of men to bring the Speaker into the dock, contracted with 30 belonging to the ropeyard, at 5*d.* a day more than they were receiving, but Mr. Packwood declines to pay them without order.	8
„ „	Rich. Browne, *Pembroke.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends particulars of the month's provisions supplied the Mayflower, which the Commissioners agree to allow. The captain's warrant and steward's indent are with the Navy Victuallers; as Capt. Penrose has sailed, and is probably at Kinsale, returns the enclosed.	9
„ 4	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *the Weymouth, Gravesend.*	Navy Comrs	Although some of his men have deserted, and left 3 months' pay in hand, has 50, and when the convoys arrive, will be ready to sail.	10
„ „	Capt. Wilkinson -	Adm. Com.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	11

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1654–5. Jan. 5	Capt. Thos. Penrose, *Nonsuch, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Was ordered by the generals to Chatham, but has been detained by easterly winds. Sailed yesterday with the Adventure and Pelican, and having a pilot on board, they are going to sail over the Flats.	Vol. 103. 12
„ „	Capt. Robert Clarke, *the Bristol, Downs.*	Comr. Peter Pett.	Wants a cable and 2 dozen oars for the Bristol, an anchor for the Advice, and two cables for the Fagon, tallowing at Portsmouth.	13
„ „	„ „ -	Adm. Com.	Arrival of ships. The Nonsuch, Pelican, and Adventure have arrived, and been ordered to Chatham. Gave Capt. Penrose their order, and all the ships will sail thither together. Several vessels at Dover bound for Dunkirk are staying for want of a convoy.	14
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	„	The Crow, ordered back to Woolwich to be laid up, has arrived; asks whether the 1,443 gallons of brandy, raisins, flour, and oatmeal on board, intended for Gen. Penn's squadron, shall be sent in some other ship.	15
„ „	Geo. Gosnell, *Ipswich.*	Capt. Phil. Gethings, *the Preston, Harwich.*	Is surprised he should claim one-half of the 2 vessels seized by him, when he agreed to accept one-third; offered to pay over the 3rd part of the seizure within 10 days after the business was ended; hopes what was agreed upon will be duly performed.	16
„ 6	Chas. Walley, *Chester.*	Rich. Hutchinson.	According to the Navy Commissioners' order, has supplied Capt. Cranwell with 180*l.* for furnishing and fitting the Hare Pink for sea, and drawn two bills upon him.	17
„ „	Capt. Edw. Tarleton, *Dublin.*	Adm. Com.	Sends an order to him from the Lord Deputy and Council at Dublin, to convoy 7 ships named, impressed for the service, to Carlingford; also to receive certain things on board. Has been detained since the 22nd ult. by easterly winds.	18, 19
„ „	Geo. Batts, and 2 others, *Kinsale.*	„	Ask an order to haul the Pelican on shore, unlade, and repair her, she being found defective -	20
„ „	Thos. Turner - -	Gen. Jno. Desborow.	Asks support in his petition to the Admiralty Commissioners for an increase of salary. Has been a clerk to the Navy Commissioners 30 years, and 15 years clerk-general, and the Commissioners, considering his great pains and trouble, and his having 6 children, recommended him for 100*l.* instead of 200*l.* a year, and gave him a gratuity of 60*l.* for extraordinary services the last year. With his petition alluded to, a letter from the Navy Commissioners of 8 Nov. 1653 for the 200*l.*, an Admiralty order of 2 Dec. 1653 for the 60*l.*, and a letter from Lady Marg. Penn to Desborow, Tower hill, 4 Jan. 1653–4, in his favour, her husband having desired the increase of his salary.	21–25
„ „	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Pelican Prize, Kinsale.*	Adm.Com.	Certifies defects found in the Pelican on her voyage to Barbadoes under Gen. Penn. Had to transfer the soldiers on board other ships, and put into Kinsale; asks whether to proceed after she is repaired, or return to England.	26

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1654–5. Jan. 6.	———	—	Note that Jno. Rogers, apothecary, of Allhallows the Great, near Dowgate, received 12*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* by order of Gen. Venables from Mr. Wadeson, the treasurer, upon account of the expedition, and having procured necessaries for the voyage, sent them by wagon from the Queen's Head, Southwark, to the Cart and Horses, Portsmouth; but having to wait for his commission, he did not arrive at Portsmouth until the morning the fleet sailed, nor his goods until the day after. Mr. Winslow and Dr. Wilson wish him to go in the Little Charity.	Vol. 103. 27
„ 8	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	As the Adventure, Nonsuch, and Pelican are expected at their moorings to-morrow, has sent to desire the treasurer that they may be paid there, as it may keep their men on board to repair in dry dock. Docking of ships. Has received 200 tons of new cordage.	28
„ „	„ „ -	Navy Com^{rs}	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	29
„ „	Capt. Thos. Penrose, *Nonsuch, Chatham River.*	Adm. Com.	Came from the Downs by order of Capt. Clarke, with the Pelican and Adventure, and hopes to be at his moorings to-morrow.	30
„ „	Officers of the *Winsby, Plymouth Sound.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Particulars of a survey of provisions received at Yarmouth and the Downs, most of which are defective. Have come in owing to the chain plates giving way.	31
„ „	Capt. Leo. Harris, *Great Charity, Falmouth.*	Gen. Jno. Desborow.	Had to lighten his ship of 150 tons of provisions to get into the harbour. Sent a messenger by land to Capt. Hatsell at Plymouth for necessaries; asks whether to refit at Falmouth or Portsmouth, where the other ships are.	32
„ 9	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *the Bristol, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Arrival and departure of ships. Capt. Fenn of the Augustine, with masts from New England, is bound for Portsmouth, and has sent to the victualler at Dover for a month's provisions. The Phœnix has lost her best bower anchor and cable.	33
„ „	Mic. Merfell, *Wisbeach.*	„	Did not receive the 20 barrels of powder, match, and bullet mentioned from Capt. Rich. Harrison, but a quantity having been brought from London by the carrier, was requested by Col. Jno. Hobart, a Deputy-Lieutenant, and a Colonel of Ely, to take care of it; it was afterwards divided between Captains Castle, Fowler, and others at Ely, Whittlesea, and Wisbeach. Capt. Harrison wants to draw him into trouble; has discovered much of his deceit in grand matters of trust, of which he will give a further account on coming to London.	34
„ „	John Powell - -	—	Return of the forwardness of the State's ships at Deptford and Woolwich, in the Thames and at the Hope.	35
„ 10	Capt. Jno. Gefferye, *Nightingale, Downs.*	Adm Com.	Asks whether to wait for the hoy laden with powder for Portsmouth, or sail to his station -	36
„ „	Rowland Humphrey, clerk of the check, *Dover.*	Navy Com^{rs}	According to Gen. Penn's order, has victualled and fitted the Nonsuch for 6 weeks, and will sail for the Downs to-morrow. Has been acting as lieutenant since the death of her late commander, by order of Gen. Blake.	37

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1654–5. Jan. 10	Capt. John Taylor and 3 other officers of the Lizard, *Pelican Prize, Kinsale Harbour.*	—	Certificate that the Pelican, bound with the fleet to Barbadoes, is not fit to proceed on her voyage, or to return alone to England this winter, and as she has had one of her men struck dead, and 4 wounded in a storm, she ought to remain in harbour until the Lizard has been victualled, washed, and tallowed, and can convoy her home.	Vol. 103. 38
„ „	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Portsmouth, Falmouth road.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in through the breaking of his mainmast in chasing a French vessel, but took a spare topmast from the Winsby, which is going to Plymouth to revictual and clean, and then repair to her station. Found the Great Charity, one of Gen. Penn's squadron, at Falmouth, in a leaky condition, but all speed will be used for her dispatch.	39
„ 11	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Portsmouth, Cosson Bay, Plymouth Sound.*	„	Received their letter stating that the Nightingale, Assurance, and Bryer, are ordered for that station; will send them when met with. The Winsby and Assistance are victualling, will take them with him, and ply about with his squadron until his victuals are expended.	40
„ „	H. Peters - -	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends a list of 6 ships, and begs he will recommend Capt. Isaiah Blowfield to the Commissioners for one of them, as he is a stout honest man, and one my lord intends some special good.	41
„ 12	Capt. Roger Jones, *Paradox, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Will observe their orders as soon as his provisions and stores are on board - - -	42
„ „	Jno. White, *Ordnance Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	On perusal of the books, finds the number and rates of ships were set forth in the several years, as specified in a list enclosed. Will send a particular of the sums for which debentures have been made for provisions brought into their office each year.	43
„ „	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *the Bristol, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	The Nightingale and Augustine are still in the Downs; Capt. Geffery asks whether to wait for the vessel with powder for Plymouth. Capt. Plumly has come in with the Reserve, not having half his men; will get him more as ships come in. With list of 6 State's ships in the Downs.	44—45
„ „	Capt. Fras. Cranwell, *Liverpool.*	„	Since receiving credit to discharge his engagements, has been waiting for a wind to get to his station.	46
„ 13	Navy Comrs. - -	„	Ask an order for the laden ships bound for Barbadoes to sail from Gravesend for the Downs, and for their clearance of the customs, so as to prevent loss by lying on demurrage.	47
„ „	Capt. Thos. Elliot, *Fagons, Portsmouth.*	„	His boatswain having been dismissed for misdemeanours by a council-of-war held in the Downs, desires appointment of Jno. Shrimps, his midshipman; also a warrant to press men.	48
„ 14	Navy Comrs. - -	„	Received their order upon the petition of Wm. Haslewood, part-owner of the Globe, and find that the damage done was occasioned by the neglect of the officers of the Half Moon, and that in equity satisfaction ought to be made. Enclose deposition of Henry Tompson, master, Saml. Rutter, mate, and Jno. Pond, midshipman, thereon 11 Jan. 1654–5, and certificates of Jno. Whetstone and 3 others 22 Aug. 1653, and of Geo. Phillips and 3 others 2 Oct. 1653, as to the damage done to the Globe by being run into by the Half Moon, while lying at her moorings in Aldborough Bay.	49—52

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1654–5. Jan. 15	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has agreed with Mr. Brewer for erecting a crane house at Deptford; as there is no timber, desires order to the officers there to select what he wants for this house; and for the 2nd rate ships; there is timber at Reading; requests an order for its delivery, and another to Wm. Cooper, the purveyor, for some of Mr. Raven's about to be felled in Sussex.	Vol. 103. 53
„ „	Geo. Dawson, *Custom House, Newcastle.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Capt. Drew of the Plover sailed last Friday with the coal fleet, some of which had been detained 10 weeks by winds.	54
„ „	Jno. Marland - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the gunner's place in the new frigate at Deptford, having so served on board the Assistance and Recovery, and lost his left hand in the engagement with the Dutch. With certificates of Capt. Jno. Bourne, 19 June 1654, and the Ordnance Officers, 15 Jan. 1654–5, in his favour.	55–57,
„ „	Capt. Leo. Harris, *Great Charity, Falmouth.*	„	The carpenters could only refit the ship by snatches through so much wind and rain; hopes to victual and sail in a few days.	58
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Robt. Blackborne.	Have sent an account of the provisions delivered to the 4 merchant ships bound to Barbadoes, and to the Crow, besides what has been issued by the Ordnance Officers, Navy Victuallers, and Martin Noel; begs him to hasten their orders to sail, lest a charge arise by demurrage.	59
„ „	Capt. Nathaniel Hallett, *Great President, Bridlington Bay.*	Adm. Com.	Jno. Reeves, clerk of the check, is absent in Redriff; he should venture his life as well as the rest, who are now upon the northern coast with such a great ship, and having no harbour to go into but Bridlington Bay. If the wind is contrary, will be forced to keep the sea, and perchance founder for want of a harbour, while a 5th or 6th rate, which are more fit for the service, might run over Tynemouth Bar, which they dare not do.	60
„ „	Capt. H. Maddison, *Sparrow, Hope.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has been waiting 8 days for boatswain and carpenter's stores, which have not arrived - -	61
„ „	„ „ -	Robt. Blackborne.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	62
„ 16	Mich. Mew, steward of *the Yarmouth, Harwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Took in 14 days' provisions for 170 men, by order of Capt. Clarke, in the Downs, but as there was no fish, procured it of the victualling agent at Ipswich, and wants this and some defective provisions on board to be made good by the victuallers.	63
„ 17	Capt. John Taylor, *the Lizard, Kinsale.*	Adm. Com.	Having come in to victual, found the Pelican there, very leaky and her bows ready to drop out. Capt. Anth. Archer being loth to venture to sea with her without some one with him, saw her to the Land's End, and then returned to his station. Has chased the Brest men-of-war off the coast, and has not heard of any there these two months.	64
„ „	Navy Victuallers -	„	Send an account of issues, as received from their agents at the outports, and will transmit one monthly.	65
„ „	Robt. Midford -	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends up Jeffery Ather, Isaac Stokes, and Jno. Harrington, on a charge of embezzling a hogshead of beef out of the Welcome, and also a grapnell and buoy rope.	66

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1654–5. Jan. 17	Jno. Lyde, boatswain's mate, and other officers of the *Waterhound.*	—	Certificate that Hen. Collman, *alias* Rodes, their late boatswain, never received any cable out of the storehouses at Harwich or Bournemouth, but at Dover.	Vol. 103. 67
" "	Peter Pett, Robt. Thomson, Navy Comrs. *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Have been on the pay of the 3 frigates since Saturday; have given the men of the Pelican 10 days' leave of absence, when they promise to return to the Gainsborough, where they are entered; she will then be ready to sail if the victuallers hasten down the provisions.	68
" "	Capt. Lambert Cornelius, *Hopewell, Weymouth.*	"	Carried the money to Jersey, and brought back Dr. Carteret and his family. If they will not remove him to another ship, desires a half-deck and forecastle built on the Hopewell, as they would be a safety to the ship, and a shelter to the company, who have long suffered for want thereof; also pay for his men who have 16 months due.	69
" "	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	"	Received their warrant for an account of the cordage, sails, anchors, &c., necessary for fitting out 1st to 6th rate ships, but as he never fitted out any but 3rd, 4th, and 5th rate, and has never seen any rigging books, refers them to Mr. Turner; when in better health will give particulars of those he has fitted out.	70
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Jas. Nuttall, Math. Kempe, Wm. Naylor.	Warrant to summon Thos. Sayers before the Commissioners on Friday next, to answer what shall be objected against him.	71
" "	———	—	Two accounts of the yearly wages given to all the officers named in the Admiralty and Navy Office; also at Chatham, Deptford, Woolwich, and Portsmouth.	72, 73
" 18	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *the Bristol, Downs.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - - -	74
" "	" " -	Blackborne.	The Bryer sailed for Seine Head with a convoy, and will ply westward. As the gunpowder has not come down from Portsmouth, has ordered the Nightingale to proceed to her station. Two gentlemen arrived with the Protector's warrant, to search vessels bound to the East Indies with unfree commodities, but they had all sailed except one, and nothing was found in her. Received a letter to Gen. Penn from Rich. Creed, and will send it on board the Morning Star when she arrives. The Augustine has sailed for Portsmouth, and the Advice has arrived.	75
" "	E. Hayward, *Chatham Dock.*	Navy Com^{rs}	They command him and the master attendant to proportion the rigging and stores for boatswains and carpenters, but as it will take a fortnight, and as he has many ships to fit out by next springtide, desires time.	76
" "	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *Pelican.*	—	Certificate that Thos. Lardge served as master's mate, from 4 Dec. 1653 to 13 Jan. 1654–5, and is of godly life and conversation.	77

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Jan. 18	Capt. Geo. Daking and Jno. Towse.		Certificate that Thos. Lardge served on board the Worcester as quartermaster and midshipman from 1 Feb. 1651–2 to 6 Aug. 1653, and was at the taking of all the prizes captured by her during that time.	78
,, ,,	Jas. Carr	John Edwards.	Receipt of 10*l.* on account of the Scout dogger, now in Dover Pier - - - -	79
,, ,,	Geo. Gosnell and Robt. Truelove.	—	Appraisement of the Mary of Ipswich, and her lading of spices, oil, &c., value 476*l.* 3*s.* 11*d.* -	80
,, 19	Jer. Tolhurst, *Westminster.*	Navy Comrs	Desires payment of Capt. Wm. Teckell's ticket to his wife, he having sailed in the Golden Falcon, and given her a letter of attorney.	81
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *Greyhound, Liverpool.*	Adm. Comrs	Landed Major Wallis at Kinsale, and having lost two cables and an anchor, procured others and went to Dublin; has now brought over Commissary-Gen. Reynolds, Col. Sadler, and Mr. Floyd, and several vessels with horse and foot. Wants victuals and a cable, and will then return to Dublin.	82
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Parke, *Great President, before Tynemouth.*	,,	Is on his station, having parted with the Hull ship he convoyed with powder. Very few ships are stirring, owing to the cold weather.	83
,, ,,	Jno. Davies, *Deptford.*	Navy Comrs	The Sparrow had sailed for the Hope before the boatswain produced his warrant for stores; has often complained of their delaying to produce them until their ship is ready to sail, or has sailed, and without them, he has no power to supply.	84
,, ,,	Wm. Barbour, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Wm. Constable has passed his account as clerk of the check of the Middleborough, and received a ticket for his wages.	85
,, 20	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Downs.*	Navy Comrs	Particulars of his voyage from the Hope - - - - - - - -	86
,, ,,	,, ,, -	Adm. Comrs	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - -	87
,, ,,	Jno. Pettie, *Fairfax, Downs.*	,,	The Fairfax has 14 days' victuals for 250 men; if anything is wanting, will supply it - -	88
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	,,	As the Bristol and Fairfax have only three weeks' provisions, desire their pleasure - -	89
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *the Bristol, Downs.*	,,	Sends a license granted by the late Council of State to the Jonas of Hull, bound to Dieppe with 365 firkins of butter, and asks whether it is genuine, as being altered, both himself and the Judge-Advocate, who is on board, have their doubts; Jno. Hide, the master, has solicited a convoy.	90
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Ledgant -	,,	Asks the command of some ship, the Little President which he had being laid up. Has faithfully served for several years.	91
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Cranwell, *Hare, Clyde Water.*	,,	Has been between the Mull of Galloway, Cape Cantyre, and the Clyde; is victualled for 30 men	92

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1654–5. Jan. 20	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks payment to Mich. Hubbard for powder and shot taken from him during the Dutch war by the Mayor of Harwich, and delivered to the Governor of Landguard Fort for the fleet; also allowance to the clerk of the check of the Basing, for the accommodation of Major-General Overton, sent on board by General Monk.	Vol. 103. 93
„ 22	Ordnance Officers -	—	Estimate of the charge of guns and gunners' stores mentioned, required for furnishing the Sovereign, James, Fairfax, Bristol, Nightingale, and Truelove, being 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th rate ships, the sums being respectively 2,873*l.* 8*s.* 1*d.*; 1,860*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.*; 1,786*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.*; 1,076*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.*; 440*l.* 18*s.* 7½*d.*; and 176*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.*	94
„ „	Capt. Thos. Sankey, *Adviser, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Has been much inconvenienced through the carpenter's not joining the ship. Has applied to the Commander-in-chief for orders as directed; wants his men increased to 40.	95
„ „	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *the Yarmouth, Harwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	The victuallers refuse to exchange some defective beef and butter; asks orders. The steward is short of the supply of 14 days' fish for 170 men, in a parcel of provisions received out of the Centurion. Has received the anchors and cables, and will soon be ready for sea.	96
„ „	„ „ -	Adm. Com.	To like effect. Has only received three months' provisions for 140 men, whereas his order was for 180; 140 are not sufficient to man the ship, being the largest 4th rate frigate in England.	97
„ „	E. Hayward, Robt. Sewell, *Chatham Dock.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Note of flags, hammocks, canvas, &c., that will be required for fitting out the ships appointed to go out this spring.	98
„ 23	Capt. Alex. Farly, *the Basing.*	Adm. Com.	Find things on board contrary to what their honours are informed; the men are very quiet, and no way mutinous. Will sail the first opportunity.	99
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, Jno. Tippets, *Portsmouth.*	„	Account of the Pelican, sent from Kinsale as not fit for sea. The Saphire is nearly out of the carpenter's hands, and will be sent to-morrow into the Road, where the Fagons also is, to take in her victuals.	100
„ „	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Pelican Prize, Spithead.*	„	His ship having been found rotten and leaky, and not fit for her voyage, left the fleet, and made for Kinsale; on coming thence in company of the Lizard, they were nearly all lost. The master attendant and shipwright have ordered a survey of the ship's defects.	101
„ „	Chas. Thorowgood, Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sent the master assistant and caulker on board the Pelican, which has arrived at Spithead; the Commanders of the fleet having found her unfit for sea, ordered her to Kinsale; particulars of the report about her.	102
„ „	Capt. Anth. Archer, Jacob Rouse, and Anth. Wells, clerk of the check, *Pelican, Spithead.*	—	Certificate that the Pelican, bound to sea under Gen. Penn, having been found leaky off the Land's End, the soldiers on board were distributed amongst the ships of the fleet, except 50 belonging to Col. Fortescue's regiment, who all, save 11 who deserted at Kinsale, rendered great assistance in weighing anchors, and constantly pumping on the way home to save the ship.	103
„ „	Capt. Mich. Tarleton, *Liverpool.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Capt. Cranwell has sailed, and Capt. Robinson of the Greyhound has come into the Bay, having convoyed some soldiers from Dublin, and will revictual.	104

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1654–5. Jan. 23	Lieut. Dan. Lambert	Gen. Jno. Desborow. *Whitehall.*	Begs furtherance of his petition for the command of a frigate, having served 6 years - -	Vol. 103. 105
„ „	Robt. Midford -	Navy Com^rs	Has cleared the Crow of her provisions; the charges for labourers and seamen's wages amount to 8*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.*	106
„ 24	Thos. Meech, *Chatham Dock.*	„	On conferring with Hayward and Arkinstall, have agreed that 3 anchors of 28, 30, and 32 cwt. be supplied for the Rainbow, 4 of 17 and 20 cwt. for the Gainsborough and other frigates, and that the other ships be supplied out of such as are in the stores.	107
„ „	John Rye - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the place of steward in the Constant Warwick, his former ship, the Old Warwick, being laid up; with certificate of Wm. Godfrey and Wm. Cockraine in his favour, and note by Thos. Wilson that he has passed his accounts.	108–110
„ 25	Navy Comrs. - -	„	The Augustine, lately returned from New England, should be fitted out, and joined to Admiral Penn's squadron in place of the Pelican Prize.	111
„ „	Thos. Webber, *Recovery, Gravesend.*	„	Asks whether to proceed on his voyage to Barbadoes with the William and Edward, or wait till the Morning Star is ready to convoy them.	112
„ „	Capt. Peter Bowen, *Mayflower, off the Small.*	„	Plying between the Cape and Scilly, met 3 merchantmen from the Caribee Islands, and 5 from Rochelle and St. Martins, bound up the Severn; but the wind being easterly, they put into Baltimore, whence he convoyed them to Lundy, and was then forced into Milford, where he has refitted, and is ready to sail to the rest of the squadron. Movements of ships.	113
„ 26	Navy Victuallers -	„	Beg a renewal of a warrant of the Council of State to the Commissioners of Customs for the free transportation of defective and unserviceable provisions, as the Commissioners refuse to act upon it, and it is necessary to clear the stores.	114
„ „	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *Liverpool.*	„	Has been prevented sailing for want of victuals and wind, but will depart the first opportunity, according to orders from the Lord-Deputy of Ireland, unless contradicted by them. Noted to write him that a wind has not been wanting, and if he stays here to victual, it must be on his own account; he may take in sufficient for 14 days, and proceed to Dublin or Kinsale.	115
„ „	Lieut. Dan. Lambert	Gen. Jno. Desborow.	Renews his application of the 23rd, for the command of a small frigate, having served in the Guinea, now laid up.	116
„ „	Chas. Thorowgood, Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Although the officers and men of the Pelican are very desirous to proceed on the voyage, she is quite unfit for the service, as her stem is rotten; the Augustine, lately come from New England with masts, should be used for that employment; ask how to dispose of her company. The Fagons and Bryer are setting sail.	117

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1654–5. Jan. 26	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Pelican, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	On receiving command of the Pelican, examined her condition while being fitted at Deptford, and considered her fit for a long voyage; but as she made 7 inches of water in her passage from the Downs to Portsmouth, obtained an order from Gen. Penn to go into harbour to stop the leak, when she was much strengthened, or she would have foundered at sea. The defects were wholly unknown, and it was a providence the gunner found them, in removing some shot and wads which had lain in the powder room many months.	Vol. 103. 118
,, 27	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *the Yarmouth, Harwich Water.*	,,	Will sail for the Downs, but has had much work to unrig and remove guns and ballast, to clean and tallow, as also to caulk from top to bottom, and reset masts. Received 6 months' victuals for 180 men by order of Major Burton, as also 6 weeks' more in the Downs, but will reduce his men to 140 as ordered; hopes they will not think he has been a bad husband for the State.	119
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *the Bristol, Downs.*	,,	Will appoint a convoy for the William and Recovery on their arrival, and send the packet from Mr. Creed to Gen. Penn by the Morning Star. Desires order respecting the vessel of Hull with butter for Dieppe, whose cocket he sent up to Mr. Blackborne, assuming it to be false.	120
,, ,,	Capt. Leo. Harris, *Great Charity, Falmouth Road.*	,,	Has refitted and victualled, and is ready to sail. There are 20 ships bound for the East Indies, Barbadoes, the Straits, Virginia, and the Canaries, forced in by the foul weather.	121
,, 29	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborow, Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Desires order for payment of conduct money to the mariners turned over from the Pelican, and to those who come from London to join, or it will discourage them and others. Hopes to sail in a few days.	122
,, ,,	Chas. Thorowgood and Ro. Jenings, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Sends the proportion of cordage necessary for ships of the 1st to the 6th rate, also the indents for boatswain and carpenter's sea stores for a 6 months' voyage.	123
,, ,,	Dan. Baker - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for employment on land, having served as master's mate in the Prosperous, Portland, and Essex; was dangerously wounded in the leg in the engagements with the Dutch under Gen. Blake. Has received a pension of 7*s.* 0*d.* a week, for which he is grateful. With certificate of Rich. Lyons and of Wm. Greenhill and 9 others in his favour.	124–126
,, ,,	Capt. N. Heaton, *London.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks him to procure a warrant for Geo. Bolt, as chaplain of the Saphire - - - -	127
,, 30	Thos. Brooks - -	Adm. Com.	Recommends Capt. Myngs of the Elizabeth for preferment, having been several years at sea with him, and found him religous, and of much valour; he has shown in several engagements, and by the prizes he has taken, that he has brains on both sides of his head. Also Jno. Joakin, recommended by Vice-Adm. Badiley.	128
,, ,,	Capt. Mich. Tarleton, *Liverpool.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The Greyhound having revictualled for 2 months and sailed, is free and ready for further directions	129
,, ,,	Fras. Newby, *Hopewell Hoy, Gravesend.*	Ordnance Officers *Tower.*	Sailed for Portsmouth with 760 barrels of powder, but has been detained in Queenborough Water by winds. A French man-of-war has been seen in pursuit of another vessel between this and the North Foreland; asks orders. The Paradox and Sparrow are in the Hope.	130

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1654–5. Jan. 31	Wm. Cooper - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Mr. Raven's timber in Herne Ashwood, Sussex, is 100 trees of 2 loads each, and 40 and 45 feet long; 100 of from 38 to 45 feet, or $1\frac{1}{2}$ loads each; and 100 from 32 to 38 feet, or a load each, and will be very useful if got to the waterside.	Vol. 103. 131
" "	Milner Mugford -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the gunner's place of the Sorlings, having served all the wars as master gunner, master's mate, and master. With 6 certificates of his various services.	132–138
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	"	Would have made abatements in the accounts of disbursements for the Nonsuch, &c., at Kinsale, but Mr. Cliff refused to take bills with any abatements, and produced Capt. Penrose and the Governor of Kinsale to justify his charges. The tallow and plank are 25 per cent. dearer than in London, and the cordage and Flemish cable double the prices; ask directions.	139
" "	Robt. Sewell, *Chatham.*	Comr. Peter Pett, at Mr. Eastlands, *New Fish Street Hill.*	Mr. Woolward has delivered 40 bolts of Ipswich canvas, and promised 60 more, and Mr. Basse will supply Noyals and Vittry. Has agreed with Mr. Turner for tallow at 37*s.* per cwt. Mr. Ewell suggests that the roof of the room building over his wash-house should be covered with lead.	140
" "	Capt. N. Heaton, *Saphire, Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The clerks have arrived, but have not commenced paying on account of the wind. Will sail to Spithead, and if he lies there after being paid, will be at a loss about men. Wants the Commissioners to appoint him a station.	141
" "	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The two frigates built last year by Edm. Edgar were substantially built, and he should have satisfaction, and not be a loser, as he alleges he shall be, if not allowed 540*l.* more than he has received. As he has a family, is poor, and in debt for the plank and timber, recommends him for further allowance.	142
Jan. ?	3 Shipmasters bound for *Rotterdam.*	"	Petition for the Sparrow pink, or a man-of-war from the Downs under Vice-Adm. Lawson to convoy them beyond the Gore, the sea being dangerous by reason of French pickeroons, and they richly laden.	143
"	" " -	"	Petition for the Norwich, now in the river, or some ship to conduct them to the Maes, the seas being dangerous, and they richly laden.	144
Feb. 1	Ordnance Officers -	Robt. Blackborne.	Ask a warrant for the gunner's stores for the Gainsborough, she being ordered out - -	Vol. 104. 1
" "	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough, Chatham.*	"	Wants a master, minister, surgeon, gunner's stores, and an order whether to sail to Lee Road or the Hope, where he hopes to get men, and to be able to keep them on board.	2
" "	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Pelican, Portsmouth Harbour.*	Adm. Com.	The Augustine has unladen her masts, and as his company will be turned over to her, wants new warrants for himself and officers. Asks what to do with the soldiers in the Pelican, who rendered great assistance in bringing her in, and what number of men and guns he is to carry; 75 men were formerly allowed. Begs stoppage of part of the wages of the men, to keep them on board; is ordered for Barbadoes. Noted that the soldiers are to go if they will, and that he is to carry 20 guns, and 50 men.	3

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1654–5. Feb. 2	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Portsmouth, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Off the Land's End, met the Great Charity and Assurance, who spoke the Little Charity, in company with some Virginia ships of Gen. Penn's fleet. Appointed the Assurance and Winsby to lie off the Soundings, and the Nightingale and Assurance off the Land's End, until they meet the Bryer. Gave the commanders their orders, and then put into Falmouth for provisions; but finding none, went to Plymouth, where he found the Bryer and Fagon bound to the Western station. Has not met with any Brest pirates, unless one he and the Assurance chased a few days since was of Brest; she escaped, his frigate being so foul, while theirs are always kept very clean.	Vol. 104. 4
" "	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *the Bristol, Downs.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Received the cables for the Fagon and one for himself. Sent to Mr. White, victualler at Dover, for victuals for the Fairfax and Bristol, but a hoy having arrived from Woolwich for the Downs, with some taken out of the Crow, has sent her to Mr. White, to apportion the contents, and encloses her bills of lading.	5–7
" "	Robt. Midford . -	"	Furnished the Edward with anchors and hawsers, and she has sailed for Gravesend. Asks whether the 9 ships at Woolwich are to be got ready for sea.	8
" "	Capt. Philip Gethings, *Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Having seized a Flushing vessel with Bordeaux wines, consigned to Arnold Beck, merchant of London, asks whether they have license for the transportation; if prohibited, desires he will proceed for him as in similar cases; asks whether to deliver her up to the waiters. With examination of Abraham Braems, master of the Abraham's Offering of Flushing, that he took in a lading of Bordeaux wine at Bordeaux, which was freighted there for London by the son of Arnold Beck.	9, 10
" "	Charles Taylor, surveyor, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Survey of the frigate building there; it will be 3 months before she is launched. As the plank is green, desires a survey of that.	11
" 3	Wm. Beale, *Victualling Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The Greyhound was victualled at Liverpool for 90 men for 56 days, being windbound so that she could not proceed to Dublin.	12
" "	Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Hopes to dispatch the Augustine by the time limited, but the Pelican is weakly manned. The paymaster stopped a portion of the men's wages to retain them, but the steward of the Pelican absolutely refused to stay. Asks what guns and provisions the Augustine is to carry, also an order to the captain and master to look after their men, who will not be commanded by him.	13
" "	Josiah Child, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has paid the officers and company of the Augustine, but suspended the wages of the captain and officers who have accounts to pass.	14
" "	Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	"	Account of the reductions made in the number of workmen according to their order; asks which of the ships in harbour are to be fitted first, as the men now employed will be 3 months working with those now in hand. The Saphire will be paid off next Tuesday.	15
" "	Thos. Webber, *Recovery, Downs.*	"	Has been piloted down by Augustin Ponnett, sent from Chatham, and will proceed when wind permits.	16

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1654–5. Feb. 3	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Conferred with the victuallers concerning the victuals charged by the general steward to have been left behind, to make up the proportion assigned for Gen. Penn's fleet. With their reply that they have shipped more biscuit than was left, and as much meat, but some of it was old; the flour is in casks in the Isle of Wight, and can be sent by the Augustine; they know nothing of money due for oatmeal, rice, and peas, but that there is much more due for flour and raisins delivered in lieu thereof.	Vol. 104. 17, 18
„ 5	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Comrs	Asks how to dispose of a hoy laden with provisions taken out of the Crow at Woolwich, sent to Capt. Clarke, Commander-in-chief in the Downs, and sent by him into Dover Pier. Has shipped 1,300 deals, and what ironwork he had in store to Portsmouth.	19
„ „	Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	The Augustine is being fitted, but the captain should be present to forward his men, as there are but 12 of his men helping, and the boatswain and others of the ordinary do the business. When she was paid off, 8 men had from 3*l.* to 5*l.* wages stopped to oblige them to join her, but they have not appeared; if the labourers be reduced to 30 before she is completed, the business will be at a stand, as the Pelican's men will not work. The removal of the Pelican's beer into her will cause loss, unless the casks are fresh hooped.	20
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	The Ordnance Officers say that it is not worth while to make match for the next year's service out of the ground tow made in the yards; there will be sufficient match if the fleet is not increased, and it can be bought at a cheaper rate than it can be made from the tow.	21
„ „	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Thos. Turner.	Mr. Downing has surrendered the two ships at the old Dock, and Mr. Loader has got them. The Gainsborough will sail to day.	22
„ „	Wm. Webb, *Reserve, Downs.*	NavyComrs	Sends two muster books, and asks a press warrant, as they want 40 men and cannot obtain them. The captain being at Deal and pressing a young man, was assailed by a tumultous company of the inhabitants, and forced with his men to take to the boat, and repair on board, where he was confined several days, both his eyes being injured with stones; all his company were hurt.	23
„ 6	Capt. Mich. Tarleton, *Liverpool.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Capt. Robinson, having victualled for two months, has sailed. Capt. Tarleton of the Islip has landed some soldiers from Dublin.	24
„ „	Capt. Edw. Tarleton, *Liverpool.*	Adm. Com.	Landed the soldiers in Chester Water, and would return to Dublin according to order, and then back to Liverpool, and render an account, but wants a cable; asks if he shall stay 15 days while one is being made. Knew nothing of the boatswain and carpenter's account sent.	25
„ „	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Portsmouth, Plymouth Sound.*	„	The Assistance has arrived with a French prize; will hasten her out again. Has not got his victuals on board, and after another month, his ship will want tallowing. Has seized two vessels lying at anchor, laden with foreign commodities from the West Indies, as they are prohibited by Acts of Parliament. Has given the commanders on his station their orders, and will hasten out himself.	26

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1654–5. Feb. 7	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	The master shipwright and assistant want the stores. Has reduced the extra men to 400, besides the 95 ropemakers. Phineas Pett desires a warrant for the small frigate granted to Mr. Raven. The Gainsborough has sailed, having 60 men and all her provisions, but a report that she was appointed for Barbadoes scared away many who had entered their names.	Vol. 104. 27
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	The steward of the Augustine, appointed in place of the Pelican prize to follow Gen. Penn's fleet, refuses to serve. Desire that he may be ordered to go, or another appointed.	28
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	The order to direct the subordinate officers in the yards to get all the State's ships ready for any emergency has been attended to, and preparations made, and it has not been countermanded; yet as other acts seem to look another way, desire a positive determination. The stores are short of hemp and cordage, which may become very dear in regard of the wars with the Muscovite and Pole; had verbal directions to buy up a quantity, but the late reducements, and the scarcity of money with the treasurer, precludes the hope of doing anything. The clerk of the Reserve in the Downs asks 40 men, and states that the captain and 8 or 10 of his men, while endeavouring to press a man at Deal, were so beaten that they were constrained to take to the boat, and the captain's sight is much endangered.	29
,, ,,	Capt. N. Heaton, *Saphire, Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Was ordered to ply to the westward, but cannot on account of the storm. His ship has been paid to within 600*l.*	30
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Sparling, *Assistance.*	Gen. Jno. Desborow.	Met a Frenchman bound for St. Malo with tobacco, valued at 80,000 livres, which he has sent into Plymouth. The captain reports that 40 English men-of-war have arrived in the West Indies.	31, 32
,, ,,	Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The captain, master, and men of the Pelican now attend daily. Progress of the Augustine; desires an order to remove the beer; the victuallers' officers will not act without one, as the hoops of the casks are decayed.	33
,, ,,	John Jarvis and John Peper.	Wm. Molins and Abel Richardson.	Agreement by the former to deliver 300 barrels of gunpowder to the Tower, the latter sending them 10 tons of English saltpetre.	34
,, ,,	Capt. Giles Shelley, *the Colchester, Leith Road.*	,,	Has carried the money and provisions for Col. Alured's regiment to Orkney, by order of the General, and is going for Burnt Island to wash and tallow, and then come back to the road to victual.	35
,, 9	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	,,	Recommends Robt. Willis for the work of weighing the guns lost in the Liberty; while in New England, found him very instrumental in weighing goods sunk in 5 or 6 fathoms of water, and where there was a considerable tide. He is not a man of art, but of experience; he should be allowed his charges, and a boat to attend him.	36

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1654–5. Feb. 9	Capt. Wm. Serjeant, *Islip, Chester Water.*	Navy Comrs	Has landed Lieut.-Col. Flower, and 3 companies of soldiers, who are going to London. Is ordered by Lord Fleetwood to take in a month's provisions, and return to Ireland, but wants his ship girdled. Had 4 months' provisions 22 Oct. for 100 men, but having supplied Capt. Sherwin with 14 days' for 100 men, they are nearly expended.	37
,, ,,	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying between Ushant, Scilly, and the Land's End, in company of the Nightingale, by order of Capt. John Bourne; had very rough weather, and having sprung his masts, has been forced to come in. Has 3 months' provisions, but wants his complement of men.	38
,, ,,	,, -	Navy Comrs	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	39
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough, off Upnor Castle.*	Robt. Blackborne	Wants a warrant for the bearer as minister to his ship. Is waiting for a wind and for his steward and clerk of the check.	40
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	On the petition of Jno. Hughes for satisfaction for the loss of his vessel, hired to transport water to the fleet, and cast away and all her company drowned save a boy, thinks that where such casualties happen in a voluntary contract, no compensation can be expected, the freight contracted for being a valuable consideration; but where, as in this case, the owner is constrained to part with his vessel, worth 200*l.*, which he designed for other employment, the State ought to bear one half of his loss. With an account of the damage sustained, amounting to 200*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.*	41, 42
,, ,,	John Hughes -	[Adm. Com.]	Desires to be dealt with as other men; has served in many desperate engagements with the Dutch, and his vessel is the sole support of his family. With note by the Navy Victuallers, 22 Feb., that Hughes' Hoy was taken up to carry water to the fleet at Portsmouth at 12*s.* per ton.	43, 44
,, ,,	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Augustine, Portsmouth Harbour.*	,,	Received his commission and the warrants for the officers, which he has distributed. The complaint of neglect of duty, either on his own part or that of his officers and men, is untrue, as they have been daily on board the Augustine, and done their best to ensure her speedy dispatch. Will dispose of the guns as ordered, but the soldiers in the Pelican have deserted, and gone to London to plead their services. Mr. Newberry, now at Portsmouth, is ordered by the Ordnance Officers to send up all gunners to pass their accounts; begs that those of the gunner of the Pelican may be passed at Portsmouth, as his absence will delay the works on the Augustine, and probably prevent his going with her.	45
,, 10	,, ,,	,,	Is much troubled that they should be informed of neglect of himself and officers, when he has not been on shore for 10 days, and is day and night with his officers and men, hastening the works on the ship, which are now finished; hopes next week to get in the foremast and provisions.	46

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1654-5. Feb. 11	Vice. Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	[Adm. Com.]	Arrived at Deal on the 7th, but owing to the weather, could not get on board until last night, when he ordered the Advice and Adviser pink to ply northward, the Bristol and Phœnix in the Narrow, and the Preston, when victualled, off the Isle of Wight. Gave instructions to each to search all vessels, and if they found any persons who could not give a good account of their being on board, to secure them; will send similar instructions to all ships westward. The Reserve has sailed to convoy the Recovery and William, bound to Barbadoes, as far as the Land's End, and there are only the Fairfax and Sparrow pink in the Downs.	Vol. 104. 47
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Bunn, *London.*	Adm. Com.	Asks re-employment in his last ship, having faithfully discharged his duties; can have vouchers from persons of no small esteem.	48
,, 12	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Portsmouth, Plymouth Sound.*	Robt. Blackborne	Having 3 weeks' victuals, could wait with the other frigates, if he knew the Commissioners' pleasure, but being commanded for Portsmouth, to give notice to the other commanders to use their endeavours for hindering the arrival of the French fleet into Normandy, dares not stay. Has acquainted the captains of the Assistance and Assurance, whose ships are both at Plymouth for repair, and given order to the former to sail to-day, and give notice to all that he meets. Perceives the Commissioners are troubled on account of the capture of several merchant ships by Brest pirates; but as the winter is past, and there are such nimble frigates now on that station, hopes a better account will be given of that business. Could not deliver the Commissioners' orders to the commanders of the Bryer and Fagon, as they had sailed; they alleged they only came in for men, and had not their complement when they sailed; they are now on their stations. Particulars of ships.	49
,, ,,	,, -	Adm. Com.	To like effect. Has issued orders for the Fagon and Assurance to lie off the Soundings, the Winsby and Assistance west of Scilly, and the Nightingale and Bryer off the Land's End, to surprise the Brest pirates. Has renewed the orders of the several commanders, and given them notice not to come into any harbour, unless for want of provisions, through being disabled, or extremity of weather, and then to send an account to the Admiralty Commissioners.	50
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Sherwin, *Primrose, Dublin.*	,,	After a tedious and violent sickness, and much discontent through shortness of provisions, occasioned by the continuance of southerly winds, put into Dublin on his way home, to receive the commands of the Lord Deputy and Council; having got a month's victuals, was ordered to carry 58 bales of clothes for the Army at Cork. Particulars of ships.	51
,, ,,	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Cleared all former bills of imprest last October, save one of 60*l.*, with which he has carried on the business ever since. The weekly charge of the 8 men employed on board wages amounts to 3*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.*, and these have done the work and fitted the rigging for 8 ships, new moored the hulk, set all the lower masts in the Constant Warwick, and laid on all the standing rigging; but there is no boatswain to set them on work or to enter seamen; no steward to procure victuals, and no cook to dress meat, if they had any, but they are on board wages. If they are to be so continued, asks another bill of imprest.	52

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1654–5. Feb. 12	——	—	Note of the examination of Jno. Chaworth, merchant of London, as to the ownership of the 3 Kings, and her lading, taken at the mouth of the Channel by the Saphire, and condemned in the Admiralty Court as prize.	Vol. 104. 53
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Fox, *Pendennis.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Gen. Desborow wishes Lieut. Thos. Morris to be remembered when the ships are disposed of -	54
,, ,,	Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered their letters to Captains Heaton and Archer. The weather has prevented carrying on the works on the Augustine.	55
,, 13	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	,,	Advised with Capt. Harrison about securing Upnor Castle, and he has commanded all his soldiers in to a strict performance of duty; 8 guns are wanted for it, the brass ones being taken away; has appointed some of his men to fetch them from the old Dock. Finding the Gainsborough windbound, ordered her to fall down below Gillingham, and the captain to keep on board, watch day and night, and examine all vessels, especially those coming up; has put the whole navy to strict attendance on board night and day, and to have scouts on shore, with a vigilant eye to disaffected persons; hopes to prevent any mischief intended against the navy here.	56
,, ,,	Capt. Edw. Tarleton, *Liverpool.*	,,	Reported his return from Ireland, by order of the Lord Deputy and Council, to procure a cable and a month's provisions, and to transport such of the late members of Parliament as were ready for Dublin; cannot procure what is needed without order; asks for one.	57
,, ,,	Vice. Adm. Jo. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	,,	The Morning Star has arrived, but not the Edward as yet; will appoint the Preston to see them clear of the Land's End, and then ply off the Isle of Wight, to search all ships passing that way. There are only 3 ships in the Downs, and one is to convoy some merchantmen for Dunkirk.	58
,, ,,	Wm. Serjant, *Islip, Liverpool.*	Navy Comrs	Landed Lieut.-Col. Flower and his 3 companies at Chester; furnished Capt. Sherwin, at Dublin, with 14 days' provisions for 100 men, out of his 4 months' supply, which lasted until the 12th instant, being short of his number of men. Received orders from Lord Fleetwood to take in another month's victuals and a cable, of which there is great need, and return to Dublin; but the frigate ought to be girdled.	59
,, ,,	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Edw. Hopkins.	Sends money received for decayed provisions; wants an order to the bearer to pay it in to the Treasurer of the Navy. Asks what to do with one Randall, who owes 10*l.* and will not pay, although summoned before Major Thomson and Mr. Payler.	60
,, ,,	Ordnance Officers -	Robt. Blackborne.	Want an order to supply the Augustine with gunner's stores, as she is setting out for sea -	61
,, 14	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Portsmouth, Plymouth Sound.*	[Adm. Com.]	The wind having changed, is under sail. The last night was a very sore one for wind and rain; hopes the frigates abroad are safe.	62

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1654–5. Feb. 14	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Portsmouth, Plymouth Sound.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Ordered the commanders of the Assistance and Assurance to ply upon the French coast, and remain there until they met the French fleet coming for Normandy, or were informed of its passing by, which they were to prevent if possible, and then repair to their station, and give notice to Capt. Heaton and others. Seized two vessels which were bound home from the American plantations, carrying thither commodities not of their country's growth, contrary to Acts of Parliament; they would not stay, although the Castle shot at them. Capt. Langsford seized a third, being a Fleming; acquainted the Prize Commissioners in London, but has had no reply. Did this as a duty, and not for gain, and was put upon it by Mr. Strelly, collector for Customs, but is glad to hear that his brother, Jas. Blackborne, approves of it.	Vol. 104. 63
,, ,,	,, ,, -	Adm. Com.	The wind having changed, hopes to get out. Gave notice of the intelligence from Brest to the commanders of the frigates at Plymouth, and orders how to act. Left a copy with Mr. Vinson, of Plymouth, for the information of any other frigates that may come in, and for those they may meet.	64
,, 15	Capt. Rich. Kennedy, *Sea Adventure, Fowey.*	,,	On 26th Dec. sailed out of St. Helen's, with the General and Vice-Admiral, the rest of the fleet going out at the Needles; had orders to wait for the Pelican and Half Moon, the General, with the rest of the fleet bearing away, and to follow; but springing a leak, was forced to put into port. Wrote to the ship's owner, who replied that there were ships at Gravesend, bound for Barbadoes, and that he was to go with them; will take his ship to Plymouth and await orders; wishes to have company, not being of force to resist the enemy. Has already tasted the cruelty of the merciless Turk, by whom he has been in captivity, and if he should again come into their hands, there would be no hopes of redemption; his vessel is not fit to go the voyage.	65
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Parke, *Great President, Tynemouth Castle.*	,,	Has been plying N.E., but could not light on any vessels bound to Scotland with artillery, or hear of any pirates. Has watered twice in Burlington Bay, but has only 6 weeks' provisions on board. Neither the clerk nor steward have yet been on board.	66
,, 16	Capt. Edw. Tarleton, *Liverpool.*	Adm. Com.	Thanks for their order to the victualler to supply him with provisions, but cannot venture to sea again without a cable.	67
,, ,,	Jno. Tippets - -	Navy Com^rs^	Account of work required to be done on 5 ships named, and estimate of the charge - -	68
,, ,,	Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com^rs^	The Portsmouth has arrived at Spithead, and waits for orders. The Augustine has taken in 20 tons of the Pelican's lading; as she is badly manned, she might be supplied out of the Portsmouth.	69
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Portsmouth, Spithead.*	,,	Passing through Cowes Road, found the Saphire and 2 others waiting a wind. Gave the captain of the Saphire notice of the stations of the frigates westward; the Reserve is attending a convoy bound that way.	70
,, ,,	Capt. Joseph Ames, *Winsby, Plymouth Sound.*	,,	While plying off the Lizard, lost his main shrouds and mainmast, and had to cut away the rigging; as the ship has been off the ground 8 months, asks orders.	71

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1654–5. Feb. 17	Capt. Tho. Bere, *Bridgwater.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Asks whether Capt. Jno. Filkings,—who married his sister, was formerly a captain in his regiment, and has gone in the late expedition,—has left any money for his wife, or any order to enable her to receive some of his pay, as she is in a very sad condition.	Vol. 104. 72
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Send a report of the ships at Deptford and Woolwich. Mr. Willoughby will report those at Portsmouth.	73
" "	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Augustine, Portsmouth.*	"	Has done his utmost to dispatch work, but has not 4 able seamen left; although Mr. Child, the deputy-treasurer, stopped sums of 3*l.* and 5*l.* on paying the wages, to compel the men to return, only two have appeared; has had to employ labourers. Has stowed away part of the provisions, but the beer is bad. Wishes his steward were there to take an account of what is on board the Portsmouth; as she is to be paid off, desires some of her men.	74
" "	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Comrs	Received theirs, with Capt. Spatchurst's letter, and endeavoured to find Wm. Linscott. Rich. Sullock is master of the Dolphin of Bristol; she did not lose a mast on her voyage to Dublin and Barbadoes; it was a ship of the same name, belonging to Kinsale, of which Linscott is master. The owners of the Dolphin of Bristol, very honest men, agree that no disaster has befallen their ship, but she has not yet retrned. Mr. Taylor will send an account of his proceedings herein. The ship now building will be launched in March; has advanced the builder money weekly, which he promises to repay.	75
" "	Chas. Taylor, *Bristol.*	"	Particulars of the ship building there. They proceeded slowly for want of money, but Mr. Shewell, finding the work at a stand, advanced Mr. Baylie money weekly; she will be launched in the spring.	76
" "	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Portsmouth, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Sends account of carpenter's work required on board his frigate - - - - -	77, 78
" 19	Capt. Lambert Cornelius, *Weymouth.*	"	Received their order to convoy Cornet Brookes and 12 horses to Jersey, but has had no weather to put to sea with small vessels.	79
" "	Capt. W. West, *Temple Bar.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Recommends Capt. Wm. Turner, the Protector having ordered his accounts to be passed. In 1642 he was sent to Lancashire Gaol by the then Commissioners of Array, and after his release, took up arms and served as a lieutenant and captain until 1648; but the enemy plundered him of a considerable personal estate, and brought him to a sad condition.	80
" "	Vice Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks him to forward some enclosures. The frigates have not been able to keep at sea with safety.	81
" "	Thos. White, *Dover.*	Anth. Keylock.	Sends copy of an account of the Commissioners, and various bills due. With list of 13 bills, and 11 of the bills receipted, for money paid for work, materials, and necessaries supplied to ships named, in 1653.	82–94

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1654–5. Feb. 19	Thos. White, *Dover*	Adm. Com.	Sends the account he was ordered to examine, of provisions received from Thos. Greene, for supplying and fitting, between 28 May and 16 Dec. 1653. Has put his name to bills paid at Dover, and examined and signed the rest. The bills he paid he delivered with his account, which was paid last April, and the rest he left for them to pay, and shall be glad if the poor men may have their money. The deals and fishes put on board for Portsmouth lie wind-bound in Dover Pier.	Vol. 104. 95, 96
" "	Vice Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	"	The Phœnix and Bristol have returned to the Downs through the weather, but will ply in the Narrow the first opportunity. Ordered the Preston to convoy the Morning Star and other ships, bound outwards, to the Land's End. All things are quiet, and hopes through the Lord's assistance they will be kept so. The captain and master of the Phœnix have complained against each other, and the master has been cashiered by court-martial; as she wants another, and some victuals, she should be sent in. There is great need of more small vessels, as the Paradox has gone as convoy to Seine Head, and the Sparrow pink for Dunkirk.	97
" 20	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *Greyhound, Milford Haven.*	"	Has been to Dublin, where he received orders from the Lord Deputy to transport 40 barrels of powder to Galway, to clear that coast, and then return to Kinsale to victual and tallow, and to get a boat, having lost his, with a man in it, in a storm. Did not hear of any men-of-war about, save a small rogue to the westward; but the Nicodemus is there to clear that coast. The Wren is at Milford, bound for Kinsale to victual, and the Primrose, bound to Cork with clothes, has put into Waterford or Wexford.	98
" "	Officers of the Advice.	—	Certificate that 5*l*. 10*s*. was expended while plying between Dungeness and Beachy, searching for suspicious persons, according to the orders of the Generals at sea, viz., 1*l*. 15*s*. to Dan. Powell and Jno. Stence, boatswain, sent to the Downs with several Frenchmen and Scotchmen; 2*l*. to Lieut. Jos. Young, going on shore to pursue Capt. Browne, who landed at Hastings; and 1*l*. 15*s*. to Henry Ady, clerk of the check, going to Rye with 8 gentlemen from France without passes.	99
" "	Geo. Clarke, *Winsby, Catwater, near Plymouth.*	Blackborne?	They have come in to set a mainmast lost at sea, and when refitted, will proceed to their station off Land's End; as it will be 4 months before they return, asks for a removal into the Lyme frigate.	100
" "	Chris. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Comrs	Chris. Andrews came to certify his bills for 2 freights of timber sent into the stores, but refused by Wm. Hayward and W. Cooper; the price certified by Mr. Young at 51*s*. per load is excessive, even if it were good, which it is not, and ought to be surveyed. He alleges that the bill for the rafted timber sent in last July has been passed, and paid at the rate of 44*s*. a load, whereas it was not worth above 26*s*., and still lies in the mast dock.	101
" "	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks an order to send away the Gainsborough, as it is a pity so gallant a vessel should lie idle. Wants a list of the summer guard. Recommends the master of the Triumph for employment.	102
" "	Capt. Edw. Tarleton, *Liverpool.*	Adm. Com.	Came to Liverpool for a cable, not procurable at Dublin, being in much danger for want of one.	103

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1654–5. Feb. 20	Capt. Edw. Tarleton, *Liverpool.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has drawn a bill of exchange on the Navy Treasurer for 97*l.* 4*s.* received in cloth and furniture by his company, of Jno. Sandiford, and desires payment. As his cable will be ready the end of the week, and his victuals are preparing, hopes to be speedily dispatched. Has discharged Rich. Moore, his surgeon, for creating a disturbance, and given him a ticket in commisseration of his poverty and sorrow for his offence; requests that no necessary money for the surgeon's chest may be paid to him, but reserved for Jno. Lambert, his successor.	Vol. 104. 104
,, ,,	Capt. Alex. Farly, *Basing, Leith Road.*	Adm. Com.	Arrived last Thursday in the Firth, where he was detained until yesterday by contrary winds.	105
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Made several applications for a steward without effect, but Gen. Monk has lately appointed one, and given him a warrant. The clerk of the check has not made away with any of the provisions, or would have reported him. Will take a more severe account of him and the other officers.	106
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Cowes.*	,,	Being ordered to convoy the William and Recovery, with provisions for Gen. Penn's fleet, to the Lizard, set sail, and when near the Isle of Wight, could not prevail with them to keep the sea, being jealous of foul weather, so made for Cowes. Has since endeavoured to get out, but the weather has been too tempestuous.	107
,, 21	Gen. Monk, *Dalkeith.*	Capt. Mic. Nutton, of *the Satisfaction.*	Order to remain at Inverlochy until he has only 10 days' provisions, and then return to Liverpool, and take in sufficient to last him until he receives further orders from the Admiralty Commissioners.	108
,, ,,	,, - -	Navy Victuallers, *Liverpool.*	Order to supply Nutton for that period - - - - - - - -	108*a*
,, 22	Capt. Robt. Haytubbe, *Little Charity, Castlehaven.*	Adm. Com.	After the troop had been on board at Portsmouth a fortnight, sailed from Spithead on 17 Jan., but kept plying windward until the 24th, when, through stress of weather and provisions growing low, especially horse meat, bore up for Ireland, and, missing Kinsale, put into Castlehaven; finding no relief there, sent his steward to the victualler at Kinsale for a supply, but he was ordered not to furnish any ships not listed to attend that coast. Addressed Col. Faire, Governor of Cork, who caused Col. Townsend to furnish horse meat, and Capt. Bowen, of the Mayflower, to supply a month's provisions out of his own store for 120 men, so only waits for a wind to proceed on his voyage. Has only lost one man, and broken his rudder.	109
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Eliz. Reynard, widow, and Ralph Skeldon, her servant.	Order to attend the Committee to-morrow at 3 p.m. - - - - - -	110

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1654–5. Feb. 22	Thos. Saxby, Arthur Hunt.	Ordnance officers.	Certify that, by order of Mr. Gardner, they cut a parcel of musket britchens, which could not be otherwise made serviceable; and also pieced 500 small britchens, and put collars to them, taken off of others.	Vol. 104. 111
„ 23	Capt. Jos. Ames, *Winsby, Catwater, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will hasten the refitting of his ship, and shift the mainmast, which is too forward and hinders her sailing. Did not meet any ships until he had been three months at sea.	112
„ „	Capt. Anth. Young, *Deptford.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Showed Col. Clarke Gen. Penn's letter, and is promised a command; desires him to move the Admiralty Commissioners to appoint him to one of the ships at Portsmouth, with his brother, Lieut. Jos. Young, of the Advice, as lieutenant.	113
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough.*	„	Will sail to the Downs the first wind. Has 100 men on board, and has not pressed any; if he had been in the Hope, would have been manned to the full.	114
„ „	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	The Nantwich, building by Mr. Baylie, will be lannched on 13 March, and if she gets her guns and gunner's stores, she may be at sea in 50 days.	115
„ „	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Plymouth.*	„	Has got in the new mainmast, and would have returned to his station, but has been detained by the wind.	116
„ „	Vice Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	„	The Phœnix has sailed to convoy some merchant ships for Dunkirk; the Paradox has come in from Seine Head, and is going to Flushing with Jno. Edwards, by order of his Highness. She could hardly procure a pilot, those at Deal being unwilling to serve the State, when merchants, who pay them better, require them; has no power to impress them, nor money to answer that or any other contingency.	117
„ 24	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Augustine, Portsmouth.*	„	Some of the Pelican's men ran away while she was in Ireland, fearing to venture their lives any further in her, and others on her arrival at Portsmouth, before they were appointed for the Augustine. It will be useless pressing while in harbour, there being so many opportnnities to escape, but when at Spithead, will soon be manned. Has had very bad weather, but has got all the provisions out of the Pelican into the Augustine, and hopes next week to sail.	118
„ 26	Major Jer. Tolhurst.	—	Bond in 300*l.* that Robt. Swan and Nich. Hollansbee shall faithfully and carefully discharge all duties required by the [Admiralty] Commissioners, while kept in their employment.	119
„ „	Wm. Serjeant, clerk of the check, *Islip.*	Navy Com^rs	Since landing Lieut. Col. Flower at Chester, took in 6 weeks' provisions for 100 men at Liverpool; his cable will be ready in 2 days, when he will take Councillor Sankey on board, and sail for Dublin.	120
„ „	Vice Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	The captain of the Phœnix having gone for London, has appointed the master to carry her for Chatham, and has taken out some of her men, and 14 days' provisions for 150 men. The ships bound for Barbadoes have sailed, under convoy of the Preston to the Land's End. Particulars of ships.	121

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1654–5. Feb. 26	Officers of *the Portsmouth*, Capt. John Bourne, commander.	—	Accounts of guns and gunner's stores received from Capt. Hen. Hatsell for the use of the Portsmouth frigate, and of their expenditure; also account of ordnance dismounted and taken from the ship into the stores at Plymouth, to Hatsell; also account of provisions wanting, and of the remains of stores in the ship, taken by Thos. Goulding, master gunner. Nov. 1653 to 26 Feb. 1655.	Vol. 104. 122–129
" 27	Capt. Edw. Tarleton, *Islip, Liverpool.*	Adm. Com.	Sends his gunner's certificate of the defective state of the gunpowder, and desires a fresh supply. Colonels Sankey, Foukes, and Axtell are on board; will transport them to Dublin with the first wind.	130–1
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	The Elizabeth and three others are ready to take in their victuals, and when they have sailed, 4 others though not graved, will be ready.	132
" "	Hum. White - -	Navy Com^rs	The frigate building by Robt. Pardy, at Wivenhoe, is top-timbered, and he desires his third instalment, according to contract.	133
" "	Ordnance officers -	"	Want 2,000 ells of canvas to be sent into the stores for the Andrew, and the new frigates setting out.	134
" "	Jno. Newton, *Leith.*	Adm. Com.	Went on board the Basing in Leith Road, but found a steward had been appointed by Gen. Monk. The captain and officers have made a complaint against him, of which he knows nothing; desires he may be examined thereon.	135
" "	———	—	Estimate of victuals required for Gen. Penn's fleet, cost, including freight, 17,677*l.* 10*s.* - -	136
" "	Wm. Evanson, *Dundee.*	Gen. Jno. Desborow.	Recommends a soldier in his troop for Weedhall and Thorney Walk, Rockingham Forest, and the house attached to it, as it has been 60 years in possession of his predecessors, who purchased it dearly. His mother had it until lately, but owing to his being in the service in Scotland, it was taken from her, to their entire ruin.	137
" "	Capt. Edw. Tarleton, *Islip, Liverpool.*	Navy Com^rs	Has drawn a bill of exchange for 30*l.* on the Navy Treasurer, and desires it may be paid - -	138
" "	Captains Roger Lawrence, Hen. Edon.	—	Appraisement of the French Arms, and 5 other ships - - - - - -	139
" "	Col. John Clerke -	—	Sends examination of Mat. Kempe. Hearing there was a hoy lying near Eliz. Reynard's warehouse at Wapping, went there with a fellow searcher for embezzled goods; saw Eliz. Reynard and 3 hoymen, and found 13 barrels of gunpowder in the warehouse, which had been delivered by them; they alleged it had been purchased, but implored that nothing might be said about it, as it would prove their undoing; it was believed to belong to the State. Also examination of Eliz. Reynard, 24 Jan. 1654–5. Knows nothing about the powder; what was found in her place was paid for.	140
" "	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs	Was troubled by their complaints against Mr. Baylie, and the ship building by him; has sent to Mr. Aldridge, in Dean Forest, to make a survey. Will forbear supplying Bailey with money, having given him 350*l.* in part of his last payment; but it was to serve the State, and not him.	141

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1654–5. Feb. 28	Chas. Taylor, *Bristol.*	Navy Comrs	Fears they cannot launch the frigate on 12 March, as much work has yet to be done under water; Mr. Shewell, hearing of complaints, desired Mr. Aldridge to come out of Dean Forest to survey her; if certain alterations mentioned are made, they will much strengthen her.	Vol. 104. 142
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Have selected carpenters and workmen out of the yards to forward the works upon the 5th-rate frigates; asks whether one is to be built at Deptford, as they were directed to desist building there.	143
" "	Jno. Pitt, *Fairfax, Downs.*	[Robt. Blackborne.]	The Preston, with the Morning Star and Edward, bound for Barbadoes, have returned to the Downs by reason of contrary winds, as also the Sparrow pink; the Phœnix has sailed for Chatham.	144
" "	Capt. Alex. Farly, *the Basing, Leith Road.*	Adm. Com.	Jno. Newton, appointed steward of the Basing, came on board, and would have been received according to their order, had not the General appointed another meantime; Newton has been sent to his honour at Dalkeith.	145
" "	Navy Victuallers -	—	Account of provisions issued in the several ports between 1 March 1651–2 and 31 Oct. 1654; with particulars of what is wanting to complete the proportion for 33,053 men for 163 days.	146
" "	———	—	List of 8 ships at Woolwich and 11 at Deptford, with their several defects - - -	147
" "	Jno. Carter, general steward to westward, *Carlisle Bay.*	Navy Comrs	Sends an account of victuals delivered short, or that could not be received by the fleet on coming from Portsmouth, as also what was charged on several ships, with other particulars. The General desires that all left behind may be sent to him at once; 936 bushels of salt were left at Portsmouth. A large cask of salt water has been put on board the Convertine for a hogshead of oil.	148, 149
" "	Chas. Thorowgood, and 2 others, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The boatswain of the Augustine is guilty of great neglect; recommends Edw. August, boatswain of the Middleborough, to succeed him; the boatswain of the Pelican, which is unfit for service, is also very negligent. Noted that August be appointed and the other dismissed.	150
" "	Vice Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	"	Sends account of provisions on board, after being off the ground 5 months. The Morning Star and Edward, under convoy of the Preston, bound for Barbadoes, and the Sparrow pink, have put in by contrary winds. There is a difference between the captain of the Morning Star and his men.	151, 152
" "	John Davies - -	Mr. Kendall.	Account of provisions sent too late for the Plover, and brought into the stores at Deptford -	153
Feb.	Ordnance officers -	Robt. Blackborne.	Ask an order to supply the Saphire at Portsmouth with ordnance stores - -	154, 155
" "	———	—	Account of money due upon several orders since Dec. 1654 for harbour account, summer and winter declarations, necessary money, brandy, &c., total, 17,786*l.* 12*s.* 3½*d.*	154, 155

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1654–5. Feb.	Thos Burgess, gunner of *the Essex.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for speedy payment of 22 months' wages, having vindicated himself from a charge of embezzling powder, and waited on them 3 or 4 months.	Vol. 104. 156
March 1	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order the refitting 8 ships named, for the Western expedition, viz., the Gift, Paul, Welcome, Mary prize, Church, Hope, Middleborough, and Marmaduke.	Vol. 105. 1
" "	" - -	"	Order the refitting the Plover, designed for guard of the Iceland fishery - - - -	2
" "	" - -	"	Order for the Lyme to be fitted and victualled for present service, and the seamen of the Portsmouth to be turned over to her, and paid their wages when in the road.	3
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Rich. Hill, of Rochester, for 15*l.*, for services in discovering embezzlements of powder and other stores of value.	4
" "	" - -	Clerk of the check and storekeeper at *Chatham.*	Order to enter all seamen who come on board the Phœnix at Chatham, not exceeding 140, and to issue the necessary provisions, as she is to be fitted for sea.	5
" "	Major W. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has no chests of silver; received two chests of coin, one of Dutch shillings and the other of double stivers, and when at Whitehall, showed some of them to Lord Strickland and Col. Clarke, and sent 3 pieces of each to a merchant at Rotterdam, to see if they would pass current, as they would not realize much here. Gave Capt. Hayward a receipt for them as of the value of 12,000 guilders; the Prize Commissioners sent about them, but as the Admiralty Commissioners ordered him to retain them, has done so; would be glad to get rid of them.	6
" "	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *the Yarmouth, Downs.*	"	Regrets his delay, but could not get out of Berwick until the 18th; was kept several days in Hoseley Bay by a southerly wind.	7
" "	Capt. Math. Browne, *Wren, Milford Haven.*	"	Had orders from the Lord Deputy of Ireland to ply between Waterford and Milford until his provisions were expended, and then go to Kinsale for a supply, and to Dublin for further orders, but has been forced in by foul weather and shortness of victuals.	8
" "	Capt. Jno. Geffery, *Nightingale, Plymouth.*	"	Has come in to revictual and tallow, and will return to his station - - - -	*a*
" "	Edm. Harvy, Mar. Hildesley, *Custom House, London.*	Thos. Smith, Navy Comr, *Seething Lane.*	His Highness and the Council having directed that all decayed provisions unfit for service shall be exported free of custom, on the letter or certificate of the Navy Commissioners, want authority to export some for Mr. Gauden.	9

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1654–5. March 1	Capt. Phil. Gethings, *the Preston, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne	Finds no seizure in roads will stand good in law, so will be cautious for the future. Sent up the examination of the master and two of the men in the ship taken; if she proves prize, hopes consideration; has paid tickets to some of his men under a mistake, amounting to 20*l.*; begs they may be passed by the Treasurer, as, having 7 children, he cannot afford to lose the money. Wants to convoy ships to the West Indies, as he is well acquainted with the Islands.	Vol. 105. 10
„ 2	„ „ -	„	Is ordered to convoy two West India ships to the Land's End, and then return to his station off the Isle of Wight. Has served by sea and land, besides being in the engagements with the Dutch, and the putting of him into a 3rd-rate ship was a mere mistake.	11
„ „	Saml. Whittell, *Custom House, London.*	Navy Com^{rs}	They should state, in their certificates allowing the export of defective provisions, that they are sent out as the Commonwealth's goods.	12
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	„	Account of provisions required for the stores. Has surveyed the Nonsuch, and finds she wants sheathing.	13
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Have directed the sheathing of the ships; the Hope, which is going for Barbadoes, is the fittest ship to fetch the masts from New England.	14
„ „	Capt. Robert Claye, *Bryer, Catwater, Plymouth.*	„	Has come in to refit and victual for 6 weeks. Is sorry his coming in a month since gave offence, but his rudder was defective; Capt. Bourne was satisfied about it.	15
„ „	Capt. N. Heaton, *Saphire, Plymouth Sound.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has had very bad weather since coming from Portsmouth. Received orders from Vice-Adm. Lawson, and having put his pilot on shore, will observe them; 3 of the squadron are in Catwater.	16
„ „	Vice Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sends account of the provisions on board the Bristol and Preston; also a survey of the Morning Star, which is leaky; has changed some of her men who were refractory. The Yarmouth is plying in the Narrow with the Gainsborough.	17–19
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to haul the Old Warwick and Convert on shore, and two of their number to attend their survey, and send an account of the charge for refitting them for a voyage to the West Indies; also to dispatch the Constant Warwick, Drake, and Truelove to sea.	20
„ „	„ -	„	Order that the Plover, designed for guard of the Iceland fishery, carry 70 men and 22 guns -	21
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for refitting the Elizabeth for summer service in the Channel - - - -	22
„ „	„ - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to suspend the payment of money to the gunners of the Adventure and Nonsuch - -	23
„ 3	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Augustine, Portsmouth Harbour.*	Adm. Com.	The provisions, &c., of the Pelican have been removed into the Augustine; is rigging her, and hopes shortly to be at Spithead. Wishes to take some of the men out of the Reserve, as they are difficult to be got at Portsmouth.	24

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1654-5.				Vol. 105.
March 3	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Cannot perfect the works on the Welcome while afloat. Has sent up a demand for necessaries -	25
„ „	Vice - Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Blackborne.	Thanks for forwarding his letters. The Barbadoes and many more English and Dutch ships are still in the Downs, Is willing to keep in the Fairfax this summer, if cleaning her will serve, but wants more broken guns for ballast. The Yarmouth has 46 guns, and as she is only allowed 140 men, supposes some of her guns are to be abated, so will take what is ordered out of her. Asks whether the Speaker is to be one of the summer guard.	26
„ 4	„ „	Adm. Com.	Stations of ships. The Preston is going as convoy to those bound for Barbadoes - -	27
„ „	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	„	Will send up an account of the guns and amunition. Wonders there is no money allowed for contingencies, having expended 50*l.* of his own.	28
„ „	Capt. Thos. Sankey, *Adviser.*	„	Has orders from Vice-Adm. Lawson to go northwards with the Advice, to search all ships bound to any port in the north of England; desires order, having only 14 days' victuals on board. Will water in Burlington Bay.	29
„ 5	Capt. Fras. Parke, *Great President, Tynemouth.*	„	Has been plying about Tynemouth, and was forced almost as far as the Arcades Isles, by the easterly winds.	30
„ „	Capt. Mich. Tarleton, *Liverpool.*	Robt. Blackborne	Capt. Tarleton of the Islip has been fitted with a cable and revictualled, and sailed with Col. Sankey and 4 other late Parliament men for Dublin.	31
„ „	Capt. Lambert Cornelius, *Weymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Desires order to transport Cornet Brookes and 5 horses to Jersey, and then to convoy some merchantmen of Dorchester, as 4 vessels richly laden have lately been taken by some Brest men-of-war.	32
„ „	Thos. Spaight, clerk of the check, *Nicodemus, Kinsale.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends two muster books. Has been on the Irish coast since May, by direction of Gen. Fleetwood. Took some goods brought from England for Major Jas. Harrison to Limerick.	33
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Send certificate of a survey of the Middleborough at Portsmouth; and as she will not be fit for the service intended, desire they will appoint another.	34, 35
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to appoint two of their clerks to assist Major Manley and Mr. Wilson in perfecting Stewards' accounts.	36
„ 6	„ - -	„	Order to make out a bill for 6*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* for disbursements by Hen. Webley, messenger, for the Navy.	37
„ „	Col. E. Grosvenor -	Col. Clarke.	Begs an interview and employment for the bearer, as none will serve more faithfully - -	38
„ „	Jas. Jenifer, *Mary Rose, St. Helen's Point.*	Navy Com^{rs}	All tickets made by him before the 1st instant have been sealed, but not in folio, as he had not received notice from the clerk of the General to keep his books and tickets in folio. The fleet with the Generals is under sail.	39
„ „	Thos. Pointer -	[Robt.] Blackborne.]	Asks the place of clerk of the check in the Lyme frigate at Portsmouth - - - -	40

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1654–5. March 7	Edw. Tuke, *Southsea Castle.*	Gen. Jno. Desborow.	Begs that his son, who has been appointed check to the Lyme, may have his name recorded as such.	Vol. 105. 41
„ „	J. Goddard - -	Col. Clarke.	Asks him to further the petition of Robert Cook before the Admiralty Commissioners; such a hard measure to any of his condition in the Navy has not been known before. Is convinced of the necessity of thriftiness and saving to the public at the present time, but not by the ruin of particular persons.	42
„ „	„ - -	Gen. Desborow.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	43
„ „	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Portsmouth Harbour.*	Adm. Com.	Has taken charge of the Lyme and removed the Portsmouth's men into her. Wants some broken guns for ballast; Mr. Newberry, the storekeeper, has 30 or 40 tons. The Pelican is unfit for service. The Augustine has most of her provisions, but wants men.	44
„ „	„ - -	Robt. Blackborne.	The gunner of the Portsmouth has been sent up to London. Is sorry those gunners and servants of the State prove so unfaithful, and hopes they will be made an example of. Sends a letter from Mr. Strelly, and an information respecting the vessels he seized at Plymouth. Begs help therein.	45
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have examined Major Rob. Sedgwick's accounts, and find there is 1,638*l.* 9*s.* 0½*d.* due to him. A person should be appointed to keep an inventory of the stores left in the forts, and the commanders should be charged therewith, or the forts should be disposed of to private persons, and relieve the State of the charge.	46
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends a survey by Samuel Raven, of the Convert, which is not fit for foreign employment, but may be made fit for a summer's voyage.	47, 48
„ „	Adm. Com. -	—	Warrant to receive Hen. Dunning into his charge and detain him in safe custody, for embezzling large quantities of gunpowder belonging to the State. Cancelled.	49
„ „	Hen. Dunning -	—	Examination as to powder embezzled by him and others from ships. Admits that as a hoyman employed to carry the powder from Chatham, Deptford, and other stores, he has embezzled 500 barrels within the last 4 years, but refuses to state who bought it, as it would undo a thousand families.	50, 51
„ „	Manlie Callis, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Wants 12 loads of fir timber for sheathing the Church and Hope, and a warrant for entering 14 caulkers.	52
„ „	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Cat, Dublin.*	„	Received 6,318*l.* for payment of the 6 troops of horse sent to Scotland, and delivered it to Major Dan. Redman, at Ayr; landed the horses under the command of Capt. Lisle, at Loch Rian, in Scotland, and then returned to Dublin, where he waits orders. Wants a new cable.	53
„ „	Capt. Christ. Myngs, *Elizabeth, Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Came in by order of the Navy Commissioners to refit. The carpenters will finish in eight days, when he will be ready to victual. Has had 46 men turned over from the Phœnix.	54
„ „	Margery Dinnison, *Wapping.*	Mr. Hopkins, Navy Com^{rs}	She or her son will attend him on Friday, and, if he will sign her bills, she will pay him what she owes out of the proceeds.	55

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1654–5. March 8	Capt. Hen. Hatsell.	Navy Com^{rs}	Desires that 1200 or 1500 deals may be sent in the ship carrying the stores to Plymouth - -	Vol. 105. 56
„ „	Capt. Thos. Harrison, *Upnor Castle.*	[Adm. Com.]	Is preparing the account required, but being ordered by the Protector to attend Lieut.-Col. Kelsey on the service he is upon, it will be delayed a few days. Has furnished the foot companies with powder, match, and bullet, and receiving notice from the Ordnance Office that 7 barrels of powder had been left at Snodland, sent there for it, to remain in the castle until wanted. During the 4 years he has been Governor, has always ordered his men to attend their duties, and they have continued on hard duty, which shall be maintained. Wants the victuallers to supply one or two months' provision of biscuit and cheese; also wants more powder and shot.	57
„ „	Peter Harris, late clerk of the check in the *Expedition.*	„	Petition for employment as lieutenant or clerk of the check; has served the State since the beginning of the wars; was wounded in the taking of Basing House, and was in most of the engagements with the Dutch; was 21 months in the Expedition, which was paid off last October, and he has been without employment since.	58
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thomson.	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for his carpenter; recommends Mr. Wilson, clerk of the Victory, as clerk in the Plover. Asks for a warrant to press men, as he hopes to be ready for sea shortly.	59
„ 9	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	The Old Warwick and Convert cannot be made fit for foreign service without great expense, but may be used in the Channel during the summer. Mr. Johnson, the shipwright, will dock the Welcome at Blackwall; he should repair the Convert, as she is a pretty man-of-war; 20 caulkers are wanted at Woolwich and Deptford.	60
„ „	Vice Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	„	Particulars of ships in the Downs - - - - - - - - -	61
„ „	Wm. Greene - -	—	Certificate that Rich. Ford's tar, on board the Fortune of Hamburg, is very good; several ropemakers and others in Thames Street are unfurnished; it is worth from 11*l.* 10*s.* to 12*l.* per last.	62
„ „	Rich. Stokes - -	Navy Com^{rs}	The Welcome is being docked at Blackwall, and the Marmaduke at Deptford; desires a warrant to see the carpenters' work performed.	63
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Col. Kelsey's having secured some of the Malignants makes the others very quiet, but there must be vigilancy over the navy. Has taken 10 barrels of powder and some ammunition out of the Phœnix, or must have asked for some from the Tower. Desires the launching of the Naseby 10 or 11 April.	64
„ „	Manlie Callis, *Deptford.*	[Navy Comrs.]	Has reduced the workmen in the Deptford yard to 240; as there are only 6 caulkers, asks a warrant for entering 8 more.	65
„ „	Rich. Washington, *Nightingale.*	Col. Robt. Kelsey, *Whitehall.*	Will wash and tallow next week, take in three months' victuals, and hasten to sea again. Capt. Vessey is coming down, suspecting the new frigate at Bristol will not be ready; all the officers and men rejoice at his superseding Capt. Geffery; he will have as much comfort in this small frigate as the best in the fleet.	66

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1654–5. March 9	Capt. Christ. Myngs, *Elizabeth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has had 47 men turned over from the Phœnix, but is nothing furthered therein. Has the assistance of the navy men; hopes to be ready to receive the provisions in a few days; wants a press warrant.	Vol. 105. 67
,, ,,	Geo. Payler, *Navy Office.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Mr. Shewell, of Bristol, is to furnish the Nantwich with boatswain and carpenter's stores. If her guns are to be supplied from London, will send gunner's stores with them; if from Portsmouth, they will be furnished there.	68
,, 10	Capt. Lambert Cornelius, *Weymouth.*	[Adm. Com.]	Will send, as ordered, a just account of all demands. The horses are shipped and gone into the road, with other laden vessels; intends to sail to-night.	69
,, ,,	Capt. Edw. Tarleton, *Islip, Dublin.*	Adm. Com.	Landed the members of the late Parliament, and then surveyed the officers' stores; they are mostly good, save the powder, which the Lord Deputy has promised to exchange. Sends the Lord Deputy's order to take in 6 weeks' provisions, besides the six weeks' he brought from Liverpool, and will sail for his port on the 15th. Sent his steward on shore at Liverpool for the remainder of the provisions, but he never returned; it is not the first time he has neglected his duty. Wants orders sent to Lochaber.	70, 71
,, ,,	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Augustine, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has received all the provisions, &c., out of the Pelican, and being nearly rigged, hopes to be at Spithead next week; wants tallow candles, wood, and turnery ware.	72
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice.*	[Adm. Com.]	Has been plying between the Humber and Newcastle Bar, and searched several vessels, but has not found any suspicious persons. The President and Adviser are on the same station, but are coming to Yarmouth for provisions.	73
,, ,,	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to appoint 20 caulkers for 24 days to repair the ships at Woolwich and Deptford. -	74
,, ,,	Thos. Bere, Woollen Draper, *Bridgwater.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Wants Capt. Jno. Filking's money to be paid to his sister, the captain's wife, as she is in a sad condition.	75
,, ,,	Thos. Alderne, D. Ganden, *Victualling Office.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Hearing from Kinsale that the Little Charity, with the horses on board, has put into the West of Ireland by contrary winds, and that the master has applied to their agent there for provisions, desire orders, and also as to supplying Gen. Blake and Gen. Penn's fleet, and engaging transport ships. Gen. Penn had only provisions for 224 days, of which 130 are spent.	76
,, ,,	Comrs. for Prize Goods.	Adm. Com.	Send copies of petitions and orders referred to them by the Protector, viz., of Mr. Eles, about linen at Plymouth, Wm. Pennoyer and Arnold Beake, about wines, and Mr. Sollicoffer, concerning the lading of the Peter. Have also received their order for sale of the linen in the 3 Kings at Plymouth, condemned by the Admiralty Court; but as the claimants have appealed, cannot sell.	77
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough, Yarmouth Roads.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is commanded by Vice-Adm. Lawson to ply between Flamborough Head and Yarmouth; wants a minister.	78

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1654–5. March 11	Capt. Leo. Harris, *Great Charity, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has had such bad weather since leaving Falmouth that he was 23 days before he could see Cape Finisterre, and having his bowsprit disabled, and being also compelled to keep to the pumps, has put in to refit.	Vol. 105. 79
" 12	——	—	Note of the proportion of victuals required for G[eneral] B[lake's] fleet - - - -	80
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *New Dockyard, Chatham.*	Gen. Desborow.	Has for years given warrant to Mr. Hill to search for embezzled goods, and he has brought in large quantities, and prevented much stealth, but little notice has been taken of him until lately. As he is making another discovery of stolen goods of great value, and his duties are heavy, a late clerk of the Commissioners for Sick and Wounded, residing at Rochester, might be joined with him, and would be content with 100*l.* a year as assistant.	81
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	A warrant was sent to the master shipwright to make an estimate of the charge of making a new wharf at the old dock, where the ordnance lies ready to fall into the river; he put it at 12*s.* a foot, but Mr. Ewell, the house carpenter, would not undertake it under 13*s.* 4*d.*, which he deserves, considering the prices given in London. Leaves the determination until he comes to London, but has given a bill of imprest for 66*l.*, as Ewell is already in hand with it.	82
" "	Vice-Adm. Jo. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	"	The Preston, appointed to convoy the Morning Star and Edward 100 leagues westward of the Land's End, has sailed with all the ships bound that way. Particulars of ships.	83
" "	Hen. Ogle, *Liverpool.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks him to procure a letter from the Admiralty Commissioners to the mayor, to release Mich. Tarleton, a clerk of the Check, from the office of churchwarden, and from any fine for not acting, he being in the service of the State.	84
" "	Capt. John. Geffery, *Nightingale, Catwater, Plymouth.*	"	Has been plying on his station with the Saphire, but has come in to wash and tallow - -	85
" "	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Augustine, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Hears that they tax him with neglecting his duty in completing his number of men, but since their order for fitting out the Augustine, has worked early and late, and done more than when he was master of his own ship. If he pressed men while in harbour, they would run, but when he arrives at Spithead, will use all diligence to complete his number.	86
" "	Capt. Robt. Drew, *Plover.*	"	Examination about his boatswain, Thos. Branson's, embezzlement; with account of cordage and other stores consumed since leaving Deptford; also of those expended by Thos. Branson, boatswain; two lists of those delivered to him out of the stores by Geo. Kendall and by John Browne at Harwich, and two receipts of Branson for stores.	87–93
" "	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Desires they will hasten down the fir timber, as he cannot sheathe the ships without it; also a dozen caulkers.	94
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor -	"	Six months since, spoke to Fras. Robinson and Thos. Scoulding, timber merchants, about 300 or 400 loads of plank; they now offer 480 loads, which is much needed. Asks leave to contract for it.	95

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1654–5. March 12	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will deliver the two chests of Dutch coins to the Commissioners for Prize Goods, and take their receipt. Capt. Whitehorne of the Gainsborough is to lie between Flamborough Head and Yarmouth.	Vol. 105. 96
" "	Capt. John Fox, *Pendennis.*	"	Sends account of arms and ammunition in that garrison, and at St. Mawes - - -	97
" 13	Major John Wade, *Little Dean.*	Col. John Clarke.	Presumes the badness of the weather prevents his coming to the forest to make more reformation. Mr. Shewell is cloyed with shot; if there is sufficient, wishes to turn the furnaces, so as to cast pig iron, which will yield money to reimburse what is laid out.	98
" "	Capt. Christ. Myngs, *Elizabeth, Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Is using all means to dispatch his ship, but has had few of the men from the Phoenix, and the place affords none; must complete the manning in the Hope. Cannot receive the clerk of the check or boatswain again for former misdemeanours; wants others.	99
" "	Thos. Pointer, *London.*	Blackborne.	Asks for a line or two under his own hand to act as a pass, which the postmaster judges will be sufficient.	100
" "	" "	"	Asks his influence with the Admiralty Commissioners for the appointment of Muster Master General, to which he was designed by the Navy Commissioners, and to have gone with Gen. Blake. Had honest and able men been employed in the 2 fleets, thousands of pounds would have been saved.	101
" "	Mich. Tarleton, *Liverpool.*	"	Capt. Tarleton was a suitor to the mayor and corporation of Liverpool for a better house, which was granted, being the tenant right of another man. He took possession, and the day after, the cable was delivered. Cannot say whether he was more diligent to effect his own business, or to complete the cable. There was some suspicion that he carried hops for the mayor, but although his frigate was searched twice, it could not be discovered.	102
" "	Comrs. for Prize Goods.	Adm. Com.	The Justice of Copenhagen, brought into Portsmouth, was seized Nov. 1652; the Hector, June 1653; and the Ollaff of Bergen, Mar. 1653, all which came into their possession in the outports on the Danish account. The Marshal of the Admiralty Court also seized, in June 1653, the Mary of Copenhagen, St. John of Frederickstat, and the Linworm of Tönsberg.	103
" 14	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	"	Has launched the Nantwich, but as there is no officer on board, can employ men only on weekly wages.	104
" "	Wm. Hempson, *George.*	[Robt. Blackborne.]	Sends several letters from persons in the fleet to be forwarded. Intended to send an account of proceedings since leaving Leghorn, but hears the General has given a full narration to the Commissioners.	105
" "	Saml. Whittell, *Custom House, London.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Acquainted the Commissioners of Capt. Gething's seizure at Ipswich, and they sent to the collectors and officers at Ipswich for an account; sends a copy of it.	106
" "	Capt. Anth. Young, *the Portsmouth, Portsmouth Harbour.*	Adm. Com.	Has been tallowed, and shall victual in a week; but as few men have come on board, will have to engage volunteers coming from London, or press.	107

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March 14	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for the refitting the Centurion for summer service in the Channel - - - -	108
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for the victualling the Little Charity, one of Gen. Penn's fleet, put into Kinsale by stress of weather, and for supplying the horses on board.	109
„ „	„ - -	„	Order for the victuallers to supply the Great Charity, which has put into Plymouth by stress of weather, with two months' provisions.	110
„ 15	„ - -	„	Order to treat with Capt. Alderne for buying and sending a quantity of victuals, named to Barbadoes for the fleet gone westward, and to pass a bill on the Navy Treasurer, payable to Capt. Alderne, to discharge all Bills of imprest for the undertaking.	111
„ „	„ - -	„	Order that the Navy Victuallers provide 3 months' provisions for Blake's fleet in the Mediterranean, and ship it away with speed; also to give notice to the Commissioners of Customs to let it pass free of customs; also to contract for merchant ships to transport it, and conceal where it is bound for.	112
„ „	Capt. N. Heaton, *Saphire, Camaret Bay.*	Blackborne.	Went into Camaret Bay on the 11th inst. with two other ships, and when near Brest Castle, destroyed a man-of-war, and has blocked up 3 more. Will be at Plymouth in 12 days for water and further orders, and to land the men he took off the tobacco Prize. Has too few men to man a prize and his own ship too.	113
	„ „	Adm. Com.	Having taken the command of the Western Guard, touched at Plymouth, took the Nightingale, Assistance, and Assurance, and made for Camaret Bay, where he found 4 Brest men-of-war, one of which he destroyed. The lieutenant of the Assistance will report as to the others. If they will allow him 3 more frigates and 3 ketches, can block up the harbour.	114
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thompson.	Navy Com^{rs}	Asks dispatch of Thos. Ould's warrant, that he may receive his stores, as the Plover is ordered to sea.	115
„ „	Comrs. for Prize Goods.	Adm. Com.	On the petition of Valentine Tatnall, lieutenant of the Advice, find he had an order from Generals Blake and Monk to sell the goods taken prize between the decks of the Rassell for the best price, and send them an account. When she was brought into the Thames, the lieutenant, having to go to sea, instructed them to sell the goods, which they did, and enclose account of the proceeds, amounting to 123*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.*; but conceiving, by the votes of Parliament of 1652, that goods taken between decks are not prize unless taken in fight, and that the ship did not fight or carry guns, and was merely taken with other ships that did fight, they have declined paying the proceeds without further order.	116, 117
„ 16	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have conferred with Capt. Alderne about sending 3 months' provisions to Gen. Blake's fleet, and agreed with 3 ships for transporting them to any place between the North Cape and the Straits, at 44*s.* a ton; if they proceed as high as Alicant, 54*s.* with 2*s.* primage and average, $\frac{1}{3}$ to be paid down, and the rest on certificate of delivery. Have given warrant for the shipping, and desire a convoy may be ready next Monday. As to Gen. Penn's supply, besides the provisions appointed, other necessaries, such as lamps, oil, wicks, and wax candles, to the value of 400*l.*, will be required; 4,000 bushels of peas will be acceptable to the seamen.	118

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1654–5. March 16	Capt. Peter Bowen, *Mayflower*, *Caldy Road.*	Adm. Com.	Transported Col. Robt. Saunders with his family and goods to England, by order of Lord General Fleetwood; then, plying about Lundy, sprung a leak, and his sails and rigging being much torn, and having only 5 weeks' provisions, has come in to refit. The Greyhound and 3 others have gone to Kinsale to victual.	Vol. 105. 119
" "	Capt. Joseph Ames, *Winsby*, *Catwater*, *Plymouth.*	"	Is fitting his ship, and hopes to be ready for sea in 8 days. Geo. Clarke, the late master, being ordered to another ship, asks a master. Has received Major Lewes and Capt. Byam prisoners, from Capt. Thos. Rea, and Lieut. Saml. Larke, Commander of Plymouth Fort, and shall be very careful of them.	120
" "	Jno. Alderson, hoyman, of *London.*	—	Deposition that Rich. Leake, gunner of the Pelican, sent 10 barrels of powder and 500 shot in Hen. Dunning's hoy to Christ. Hill, a waterman at Greenwich, and that Andrew Jackson, of Chatham, gunner of the James, sent 20 barrels of powder in the same hoy to London for his own use.	121
" "	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Wants victuals for the Centurion, and men for her and the Elizabeth - - - -	122
" "	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Constant Warwick.*	Adm. Com.	Has about 60 men on board, and hopes to obtain his complement by the time he has orders to sail.	123
" "	J. Royston - -	Robt. Blackborne.	Hopes Mr. Carill's and Major Wither's recommendation, with his favorable remembrance, will procure him the employment he seeks. With Jos. Carill's note in his favour, 9 March 1654–5.	124, 125
" "	Lieut. Nath. Browne, *Woodbridge.*	"	Is the most ancient servant in his capacity in the fleet, but all the generals and commanders with whom he has served are removed or dead, and he is a stranger to the Admiralty Commissioners. Begs his influence for further employment.	126
" "	Capt. John Geffery, *Nightingale.*	Adm. Com.	Has washed and tallowed, and taken in 3 months' provisions, and will sail with the first wind -	127
" 17	Capt. Thos. Sparling, *Assistance*, *Catwater*, *Plymouth.*	"	Has been cruising with the chief of the squadron, and has come in to victual and tallow - -	128
" "	Fras. Baylie, *Bristol.*	"	Has launched the Nantwich - - - - - - - - -	129
" "	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Comrs	The Nantwich is floated, and wants a captain and master; cannot get or keep men on her without them. Has supplied Mr. Aldridge with 70*l.*, which he has charged by bill. Begs payment of this and another bill for 400*l.*, for disbursements upon the Nantwich.	130
" "	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order for the shipwright at Dover to send a bowsprit to the Truelove in the Hope - -	131
" 18	Capt. John Geffery, *Nightingale*, *Sound.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Capt. Vessey having come on board and taken charge, will hasten to Bristol according to his instructions.	132

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1654–5. March 19	Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Col. Fras. Willoughby.	The steward of the Augustine is now willing to accept his offer. The steward of the Pelican makes profession of religion, but he has left some dusty bread and rotten cheese behind, which cannot be disposed of. The captain is going to Cowes to-morrow, to join the rest of the company. Has had the boatswain before the mayor for felony, but nothing is done with him, although he stole ropes worth 3*l.*; his wages ought to be stopped unless he can give a better account. The Lyme and Portsmouth will soon be ready to sail. Will lay the spun yarn next week; there are 40 tons left in the stores. Desires order to supply Capt. Gethings with provisions; he is to convoy some vessels to the Land's End.	Vol. 105. 133
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Send a letter from Capt. Thorowgood at Portsmouth, and desires they will give orders thereon -	134
		„	Have stopped the wages of Wm. Holmes, late boatswain's mate of the Portsmouth, for sending tar and junk to Paul Seamer, the boatswain, at Portsmouth; he appears to have done it by his order. The boatswain is most culpable; have also stopped his wages. The Nantwich is launched and wants a master and officers.	135
„ „	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Lee Road.*	Adm.Com.	Observed their instructions of the 16th inst., but seeing no appearance of any service of that nature, asks whether to remain there, or when manned, follow former orders.	136
„ „	Chas. Taylor, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs.	The Nantwich was launched on the 13th, and the carpenters discharged, though much work required to be done to complete her; as everything is at a stand, desires instructions.	137
„ 20	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order for the setting forth of the Tiger, and furnishing her with victuals for this summer's expedition.	138
„ „	„ - -	„	Like order for the Dragon, and furnishing her with victuals and other necessaries - -	139
„ „	„ „	„	Like order for the Adviser, now at Harwich - - - - - - -	Vol. 106. 1
„ „	„ „	„	Order to contract for the hire of a smack built by Capt. Berry at Barking, to attend Vice-Adm. Lawson and the rest of the fleet in the Downs.	2
„ „	„ „	„	To make the usual allowance of necessary money to the steward of the Augustine; if he refuses to sail, will call upon his surety. The men-of-war in port will be a sufficient guard of the ships at Portsmouth without men. They are to prepare for launching the Naseby this day week.	3
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham Dock.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	To grant a further imprest to Mr. Hayward for payment of the pensioners of the Chest, to avoid the clamours of the lame, as quarter-day is approaching, and the Treasurer will not supply any more until the accounts are audited.	4
„ „	Capt. Ga. Saunders, *Horseydown.*	„	Sends the names of his chief officers, with particulars of their services and characters - -	5
„ „	Capt. Thos. Alderne, *Victualling Office.*	„	Wants the Patent for the money to be disbursed for provisions to be sent to General Penn's fleet, having contracted for bread, oatmeal, and cider, and shipping to carry them, which will require 5,000*l.* in 10 days. Is shipping the supplies for Gen. Blake's fleet, and wants a convoy. The fleet has arrived at Barbadoes, and they have taken in men there.	6

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1654–5. March 20	Capt. Jno. Seaman -	Adm. Com.	Sends the names of 8 officers who were under him while in the Dragon, and whose conduct was satisfactory.	Vol. 106. 7
,, 21	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends the receipt for a mast for Mr. Michell, bound for the East Indies, he having broken his. Hopes they will hire the Nonsuch at Barking, as she is much wanted for the summer guard.	8
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Alderne, *Victualling Office.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Particulars of the victualling of ships. Wrote the Lord Deputy of Ireland the 16th inst. - -	9
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for the officers at Harwich to wash and tallow the Great President, and supply her with 5 months' provisions for the summer expedition.	10
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	Order to make out a bill for pay and entertainment to Jno. Fowler, Judge Advocate of the fleet, at 8*s*. a day.	11
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	Order for Capt. Alderne to ship lamp oil, lamp wicks, and wax candles, amounting to 400*l*., and 3,000 bushels of peas to Gen. Penn's fleet.	12
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	Order to examine the contract made by Alex. Bence, merchant of Alicant, with Geo. Agenor, master of the Return of Dartmouth, for freight of 5 great guns, part of those saved out of Prince Rupert's ships, and make out a bill to Agenor for the balance due of 30*l*.	13
,, ,,	Comrs. for Prize Goods.	Adm. Com.	Send orders of the Lord Protector and Council, on petitions referred to them, and desire directions. The Lord Ambassador of Holland is concerned in one of them called the Sea Flower, and the Admiralty Judges have ordered her restoration without cost.	14
,, ,,	Jno. Sims, late boatswain, and Edm. Matthews, late gunner of the *Fortune.*	—	Depositions that they were in the ship when she was fitted at Dover in Nov. 1652, and when Mr. Greene supplied sails which were found to be old and almost useless.	15
,, 22	Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Particulars of ships. The Augustine has sailed; hopes not again to be troubled with such a disorderly company. Returns their packet for Capt. Archer, he having also sailed.	16
,, ,,	Robt. Dunn, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Asks money for the men on the Fellowship hulk and the Concord, not having received any since 30 Sept. Has disbursed much in re-mooring the hulk, and sweeping her anchors.	17
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Potter -	Adm. Com.	Has observed instructions, but not seeing anything of the nature sought for, has come in for further directions.	18
,, ,,	Adm. Com., *Whitehall.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Rich. Kennedy, of the Sea Adventure, taken up to attend Gen. Penn's fleet, returned to Fowey, 6 Jan., his vessel being unfit for the voyage. He should be questioned what he has done with his time, and what goods of the Generals or fleet he has on board. With Kennedy's letters, 6 and 15 Feb., and 17 March, that having lost Gen. Penn's fleet through bad weather, he has put into Fowey, as also an account of his proceedings since leaving Portsmouth on 26 Dec., and a notice that he has returned according to their order; "I having already tasted of the cruelty of the merciless Turk, by whom I have been in captivity, and if I should ever again come into their hands, there were no hope of redemption."	19–22

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1654–5. March 22	Thos. Herbert, *Dublin.*	Chas. Walley, *Chester.*	Is ordered by the Lord-Deputy and Council of Ireland, to desire him to purchase and send to Commissary Timothy Every 2 cables and a hawser for the Fleetwood riding there, and to state whether he will have the bill charged upon the Treasurer there or at London. With note by Rich. Livesley of Liverpool to Walley, that he cannot supply him with cables so soon as he wants; and note by Rich. White, of the weight and price of sizes mentioned.	Vol. 106. 23–25
" "	Ordnance Officers -	Adm. Com.	Ask leave to send the gunner's stores required for the Nantwich at Bristol from the Tower -	26
" "	Mathew Lynde, surgeon of the *Unicorn.*	—	Account of medicines received for the ship's chest. [Damaged.] - - - -	27
" 23	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in to refit. Suggests the building of a quarter-deck, as shelter for the men and a greater security for the vessel; desires a removal.	28
" "	Saml. Law - -	—	Proposition to supply 3,000 hangers at 4*s.* each, 2,000 rapiers with cerecloth scabbards at 5*s.* 4*d.* each, and to grind, clean, and new scabbard old swords at 10*d.* each.	29
" "	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Wants a master and other officers, that he may rig the new ship, or to hire men on rigging wages.	30
" "	Capt. Jno. Parker, *Truelove, Lee Road.*	"	The smack carrying down the money under convoy of the Constant Warwick ran on board a flyboat below the Hope, and had 2 men and a woman drowned; ran her on shore, stopped her leak, and got her off and into Lee Road.	31
" "	Capt. Thos. Sankey, *Adviser pink, Lee Road.*	"	Being ordered away quickly, begs that Chas. Shirburne, his surgeon, may have his bills of free-gift and imprest.	32
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	To appoint boatswains to the Mary prize, Hope, and Marmaduke, fitting at Deptford, as Mr. Kendall, clerk of the survey, is compelled to trust unwarranted persons with their rigging and stores.	33
" "	Capt. Christ. Myngs, *Elizabeth.*	"	When Ambassador Whitelock had been landed at Gravesend, the commander gave orders to the master and boatswain to keep the men on board, and return to the Downs, but the boatswain with 20 men stayed behind, and followed her overland to Harwich; and she being then hauled on shore, he again absented himself on the plea of sickness, but the captain found him drunk; he was a common drunkard and neglected his duty, and the clerk of the check was the same.	34
" "	Wm. Barbour, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Desires he will write Jno. Godbolt, Hatfield, Essex, to decide the arbitration case between Mr. Swinborne, postmaster of Witham, and another, with reference to the hire of a horse for the navy service, as the arbitrators will make no end of it.	35
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Wants money for the captains of the Tiger, Dragon, and Elizabeth, who have undertaken to impress men, and also the victuals. Is going to Woolwich to the launching of the Naseby.	36

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1654–5. March 24	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *the Yarmouth, Weymouth Road.*	Adm. Com.	The Bristol and Sparrow pink have sailed for the Downs, and left him and the Paradox to search all vessels, to discover and secure the enemies of this nation ; cannot gain any intelligence save that they have been dispersed, and some secured.	Vol. 106. 37
,, ,,	Capt. Christ. Myngs, *Elizabeth, Tilbury Hope.*	,,	Having received his provisions and stores, save the gunner's, sailed from Chatham and will try to get men.	38
,, ,,	Capt. Anth. Young, *Deptford.*	,,	Recommends Thos. Ould, boatswain of the Plover, as boatswain of the Portsmouth, and Robt. Dawson to succeed him. Wants a press warrant.	39
,, ,,	Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Delivered the press warrants and summons to the lieutenant of the Lyme and the master of the Portsmouth, and ordered them to get men and protect trade. The gunner of the Essex, and all other officers in London, should be hastened down to their ships these troublesome times, and be ordered to stay until they have warrants to go up.	40
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order for refitting and victualling the Tredagh, Sorlings and French shallop at Portsmouth, for the summer expedition.	41
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	The Nantwich, building by Mr. Baylie at Bristol, was launched on the 13th, and the workmen have been discharged, although there is much work to be done upon her. His poverty is the sole cause of his not completing his contract, although his payments have been duly made. There is 420*l.* payable when she is completed, which was ordered to be retained till his default in launching her at the time agreed upon was considered ; ask further directions.	42
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Are troubled to find the State so abused by Mr. Baylie ; he ought to smart for it, and some persons ought to be appointed to finish the carpenters' work, and be paid out of the 420*l.* due to him ; or he be suffered to complete it, and be allowed only sufficient to enable him to do so, the rest being reserved to satisfy the damage.	43
,, ,,	Robt. Morse - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a cook's place in one of the ships on the stocks ; served in the late wars in the Entrance, and has been deprived of his wages by a false ticket. With certificates of Capt. Jno. Bourne and Samuel Howett and 3 others in his favour.	44–46
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Sherwin, *Primrose, Plymouth.*	,,	After landing several bales of clothes at Cork, by order of the Lord-Deputy, met contrary winds, and being sea struck, made for Plymouth ; will proceed to Chatham for repairs.	47
,, ,,	,, ,,	Gen. Jno. Desborow.	Has come in for repairs. Hears the Canaanites trouble the land, but hopes they will be destroyed by the power of Gideon's sword.	48
,, ,,	Chas. Thorowgood and Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	The Lyme has most of her provisions and stores, and 89 men on board, and will be ready to sail next week, and the Portsmouth also if men can be procured. With examination of Rich. Kennedy, Master, and two of the officers of the Sea Adventure, as to the cause of their putting into Fowey, and remaining there from December to March, and report thereon ; the cause of her remaining behind was not as alleged, the leaky condition of the ship, but the master's fear of going the voyage without company, being left behind by the fleet.	49–52

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1654–5. March 24	Jas. Tucker - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a gunner's place, having served as master and master's mate, and been in the engagements with the Dutch. With certificate of Capt. Thos. Penrose of the Nonsuch, and Thos. Hares, and 3 others in his behalf.	Vol. 106. 53–55
” ”	Capt. Anth. Archer, *Augustine*, *Falmouth.*	”	Sailed from Cowes on the 21st with the rest of the fleet bound for Barbadoes, under convoy of the Preston, but has been forced in by contrary winds.	56
1655. March 25	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Expedition*, *Chatham.*	”	Has received his provisions, but waits for sails and ordnance stores, and desires they will send to the Tower to speed them; will then sail for the Nore.	57
” ”	Stephen Skewes -	”	Asks for employment, having served several years, and lately as clerk of the check in the Satisfaction.	58
” 26	Capt. Rich. Ducie, *Nicodemus*, *Galloway.*	”	Has been ranging the coast by order of the Lord-Deputy, and is going further north. Will want a cable, &c., on his return to Kinsale in May. The Little Charity, with 4 ships from Kinsale, has sailed for Barbadoes, well supplied.	59
” ”	Capt. Edw. Tarleton, *Islip*, *Dunstaffnage.*	”	Came there by order of the Lord-Deputy of Ireland, and waits a wind to sail through the narrow channel to Inverlochy.	60
” ”	Wm. Serjeant, clerk of the chek, *Islip*, *Dunstaffnage.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sailed from Liverpool on Mar. 1 with Col. Sankey and 3 others, and landed them at Dublin on the 3rd, and then had orders from Lord Fleetwood to go to Inverlochy to relieve Capt. Nutton. Received 6 weeks' provisions at Dublin for 100 men, and 9 weeks' at Liverpool, but 6 tons of beer and some bread and peas were left behind, through negligence of the steward, who is absent or has run.	61
” ”	Capt. Abra. Algate, *Drake*, *Margate Road.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying on his station between the Nore and North Foreland, and chased and searched several vessels for suspicious persons.	62
” ”	Navy Comrs. - -	Robt. Blackborne.	Send a letter of Robert Grassingham from Harwich, that he and Robt. Willis have spent 3*l.* in hiring men and boats to find the Liberty, but without effect; some men have offered to search for a week, on payment of 10*l.* if they find her, and 5*l.* if they do not.	63, 64
” ”	” ”	”	Ask how many men the Sorlings and French shallop are to carry; not being in their list, cannot order the victualling until they know.	65
” ”	Jno. Pitt, *Fairfax*, *Downs.*	Generals of the fleet.	The Bristol and Sparrow pink have arrived from Portland, leaving the Yarmouth and Paradox behind, so that there are 3 of the State's ships in the Downs.	66
” ”	Capt. Leo. Harris, *Great Charity*, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	The refitting of his ship has been delayed by 3 others being in harbour. A fleet of merchantmen have sailed, and some being bound for Barbadoes, sent a packet to Gen. Penn to report his delay; but as there have been contrary winds, doubts if they have got far, and hopes not to be long behind.	67

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. March 26	Christ. Pett, Sam. Raven, *Woolwich.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of a survey of the Welcome at Blackwall - - - - - -	Vol. 106. 68
" "	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	"	The Bristol and Sparrow pink have arrived ; they have been off the ground 12 months, and want provisions. Ask whether to send them to Dover.	69
" "	Capt. Jno. Geffery, *Bristol.*	"	Coming from Plymouth, met Gen. Desborow at Exeter, who hastened him to Bristol, where he found his frigate very backward for want of men. Desires a speedy order, and hopes to sail in a month.	70
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Ask whether the new ketch at Barking is fit for the service, and the terms for hire, as one must be dispatched to Gen Blake's fleet.	71
" "	" "	"	Order for the stores for setting forth the Naseby to sea to be immediately prepared - -	72
" "	Capt. Phil. Gethings, *Falmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Going out of Falmouth with 20 other ships, one of them ran on board the Morning Star, and tore her down to within 3 feet of the water. The weather being very stormy, bore up for Falmouth, and assisted night and day in getting her in for repair.	73
" "	Jno. Tippetts, Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	Will hasten the fitting of the Tredagh, &c., and if men and provisions are not wanting, they will be ready to sail in 10 days. Particulars of ships.	74
" 27	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	His brother having gone for Woolwich, opened their packet and dispatched the enclosures to the respective commanders. Capt. Taylor will send an account of what he is concerned in; 50 men have been entered on the Centurion, 15 on the Tiger, 12 on the Dragon, and 61 on the Elizabeth, which has sailed for the Hope.	75
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	There will be no want of anything for the Naseby, provided the clerk of the ropery impress men to lay the cables, &c., for her launching; Mr. Davis should send down some silk colors; 40 more seamen are wanted.	76
" "	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order to send, on demand of Thos. Booth and Peter Pett, 90 more men to close the cables of the Naseby at Woolwich.	77, 78
" "	" "	"	Order to certify what deals are in Deptford yard, and whether 400 spruce deals may be spared.	79
" "	" "	"	The Sorlings is to bear 100 men and 28 guns; they are to advise with Capt. Willoughby about the French shallop, and hire the Sea Adventure if the Adviser is not fit. Also to continue the gun-finder at Harwich, and advance him money for the work. Have sent the boatswain of the Portsmouth up to be examined, as to embezzling pitch and tar at Plymouth.	80
" "	Capt. Robt. Colman, *the Fleetwood, Dublin Bay.*	Major Thomson, Navy Com^{rs}	As the fishing design he came about cannot be accomplished, is appointed by the Lord-Deputy and Council to command the Fleetwood for the summer expedition; wants flags, men's clothes, &c.	81

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. March 27	John Tracy - -	Maj. Bourne and Mr. Hopkins, Navy Com^{rs}	Recommends the bearer, who served the State, and has been in many fights, for employment -	Vol. 106. 82
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Will engage the new ketch at Barking when she returns from a voyage to Hull. Have no other vessel fit for the service.	83
„ „	Rich. Blackwall -	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends the bearer as a lieutenant in the navy, he having been long in the service.	84
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	In the absence of Commissioner Pett at Woolwich, perused their letter informing that the frigates are not ready. Particulars of ships. The master attendant with the ordinary are doing their best to further their dispatch.	85
„ 28	Capt. N. Heaton, *Saphire, Plymouth Sound.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Particulars of ships. Is under sail, but has hardly finished the work about the mainmast -	86
„ „	Capt. John Bourne, *the Lyme, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has quickened the work on the Lyme, and hopes to get her out to-morrow, but wants men.	87
„ „	„ - -	Robt. Blackborne.	Neither the men of the Hopewell or the ketch will be useful for the Lyme; will make the best use he can of others. Mr. Chillingworth, the steward, has arrived, but there is difficulty in his taking charge from the other of the provisions; will see that nothing is embezzled.	88
„ „	Thos. Chillingworth, *the Essex, Portsmouth Harbour.*	„	Having a warrant from the Admiralty Commissioners for the steward's place in the Lyme, went on board; but as Mr. Boulter, the present steward, had received the provisions, necessary money, &c., has forborne entrance, as he could not give a receipt without unstoring the ship to survey them. Desires to continue steward of the Essex.	89
„ „	Capt. Anth. Young, *the Portsmouth, Portsmouth Harbour.*	Adm. Com.	Is victualling, and hopes to get to Spithead on Saturday, and to procure men; wants a boatswain. Will send up the steward's bond; has heard a good report of him. The Lyme will sail for Spithead to-morrow.	90
„ „	„ „	Robt. Blackborne.	Wants his press warrant; asks the removal of his brother Joseph, lieutenant of the Advice, into another ship.	91
„ „	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *the Yarmouth, Weymouth Road.*	Adm. Com.	Has been very diligent in searching vessels for suspected persons, and finding 6 in a boat from the town whose carriage was suspicious, his ship and the Paradox fired at it, and sent out boats, but they would not strike till about to be knocked down with the musket. Has all of them on board, but finds they are poor ignorant men, living 5 miles off, and were dredging oysters to sell at Weymouth. Searched 3 Dutch ships from Flushing bound for Spain, one of whom reported they feared they should have another war with us, as there was a great division amongst them in Holland, many being for the Prince [of Orange].	92

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. March 28	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to contract with the owners of the Sea Adventure for her hire and freight, fit her out, and appoint an officer to take charge of her.	Vol. 106. 93
„ „	Navy Com. - -	Adm. Com.	Have treated with the owner of the Sea Adventure at 50*l.* a month, he finding victuals and wages for 10 men and a master; so she will not be above $\frac{1}{3}$rd the charge of the Adviser pink.	94
„ „	Major N. Bourne -	Robt. Blackborne.	Wants protection for 30 men of the Hopewell at Gravesend, bound to New England for masts; also a warrant for her sailing, as there is a stay of all ships outward bound.	95
„ 29	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Have examined Paul Seaman, late boatswain of the Portsmouth and Tulip, and Wm. Holmes his mate, and find them guilty of embezzling the tar and junk laid to their charge. With certificate of Seaman, 3 Nov. 1654, that Holmes sent the stores on shore to him at Plymouth by his order; as also his examination taken before a court martial at Plymouth 27 March, that he purchased the same of some seaman of the Great Charity at Portsmouth for 20*s.*	96–98
„ „	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Portsmouth.*	„	As they will not order a quarter-deck in the Hopewell pink, desires they will put him into some other ship; has been in her three winters and undergone much cold, having no shelter. The ship is off the ground, and only wants provisions and money.	99
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	„	There are 4,000 ordinary and 500 spruce deals in the stores at Deptford; as they may be wanted for the ships fitting out, cannot recommend parting with any, unless they can be returned in 4 months, and they cost the State 12*s.* each green, besides taking them on shore and piling in the yard.	100
„ „	„ „	„	Send Chas. Taylor, shipwright, to give an account of the Nantwich, building by Mr. Baylie at Bristol; want a master for her. Have received a warrant to enter Winckley, boatswain of the Sorlings, but Generals Desborow and Penn have already appointed Jno. Horne.	101
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Hearing from Mr. Taylor, the surveyor, that 150*l.* is required to complete the Nantwich, building by Mr. Baylie, desire orders to Baylie to finish it; if he refuses or delays, Taylor should employ persons to do it and have money not exceeding 150*l.*	102
„ „	„ „	„	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Hooper, clerk to the Navy Commissioners, for his salary and entertainment at 100*l.* a year, from 25 Dec. to 25 March.	103
„ 30	„ „	„	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Powell for 31*l.* 6*s.* 1*d.*, and to Hen. Webley for 6*l.* 17*s.* 9. disbursed by them as Admiralty messengers.	104
„ „	„ „	„	Order for entering 20 shipwrights or carpenters on the small frigate building at Portsmouth, for greater expedition.	105
„ „	„ „	„	Order to sign a ticket for payment of the wages due to Wm. Holmes, boatswain's mate of the Portsmouth, but to respite the money due to the boatswain till further order.	106
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends Capt. Myngs' certificate touching the boatswain and carpenter of the Elizabeth. Is going to Woolwich and Chatham to fit all things for launching the Naseby.	107

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. March 30	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Recommend Fras. Wirrall as clerk of the check or steward. Ask instructions as to fitting out the Old Warwick and Convert.	Vol. 106. 108
" "	" "	"	The Sea Horse and Orange hoys lying at Dover should be put up for sale by the candle, as they are unfit for service, and will get worse by continuing in harbour. With order for their sale accordingly, 31 March.	109, 110
" "	Edw. Mundy, *Ipswich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has charged a bill on them for 500*l.*, and begs payment. Has engaged for 300 loads of timber, by order of Commssioner Pett and Capt. Taylor, it will be very useful for the new ships building.	111
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	There are 50 men at work on the Great Charity, and no time will be lost, but her captain is sick. The Winsby, now lying between the Island and the Land's End, will sail to-morrow; the Saphire and others have gone.	112, 113
" "	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Spithead.*	"	Waits orders and men. Sends the warrant he gave the gunner of the Essex, for delivery of 44 barrels of powder to the gunner of the Portsmouth; has chosen a boatswain for the Portsmouth, with consent of Capt. Young.	114
" "	" "	Robt. Blackborne.	To the same effect	115
" "	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Nightingale, Plymouth Sound.*	"	Went on board on the 19th, but as there were not 16 able men, got 5 more with the assistance of the town, but they mostly had the Commissioners' protection from impress. Sailed for the French coast, and stayed until the 24th; then, through the extremity of the weather and want of men to manage the ship, put into Falmouth, and obtained 23 more. Hearing from the Governor of Pendennis that there were 3 or 4 pirates off the Land's End, plied there and about Scilly, but not finding any, is going to the coast of France.	116
" "	Manlie Callis	Navy Com^{rs}	Is sorry they are dissatisfied with his valuation of the freight of the James, bound for Plymouth, and tax him with self-interest, extortion, and carelessness. Knew not what they formerly gave or what the master demanded, and hardly spoke with him; was ordered to judge of a moderate freight, and as she was of 300 tons burden, and few ships could carry more or larger masts, thought her worth 17*s.* 6*d.* a ton for the voyage, which amounted to 262*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*	117
" 31	Adm. Com.	"	Order to make out a bill to Hugh Middleton, lieutenant of the Assistance, for 10*l.* for travelling charges to and from Plymouth.	118
" "	Rich. Creed, *Crokehorn.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Received the sad account of Mr. Poortman's fall; trusts the Lord, who knows when and how to give checks to his poor creatures, will sanctify it to him. The General is on his way for London, and hopes to be there on Wednesday night.	119
" "	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	The Nantwich is forward, the captain and officers have arrived, and an order that men are to be entered; she may be rigged in 14 days, and ready to sail in 6 weeks, if the ordnance stores are not delayed. The officers and men demand conduct money; asks if he shall pay it. Has received 450 tons of shot from Major Wade.	120

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1655. March 31	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Will observe the Admiralty Commissioners' orders, but the wind is contrary and high, so that he cannot get stores or men, and it was no use pressing while in harbour, as they run. Those he has have not yet been paid off, and as they hear the paymasters are coming down, they ask for their money.	Vol. 106. 121
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	To the same effect. Will sail to the Downs the first opportunity - - - - -	122
" "	Ordnance Officers -	"	Recommend And. Jackson for a gratuity for service at Chatham in setting forth ships, surveying, and taking charge of gunners' stores, &c. [Damaged.]	123
March ?	Jerem. Medlicott -	"	Petition for a place as reformado, or any employment belonging to a pen, on the Marmaduke or any other ship going this expedition to the West Indies, in which he much desires to serve. With certificate by Martin Noel and 5 others.	124, 125
April 1	Capt. W. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough, Humber.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Encloses letters to the Admiralty Commissioners and Vice.-Adm. Lawson, concerning the apprehension of some passengers bound for Scotland.	Vol. 107. 1
" 2	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Will sail for the Downs. Hears the Navy Office Clerks have come down to pay off his men; desires it may be done without loss of time. Will be ready to sail as soon as he obtains his complement of men. Will keep the steward on board till he gives in his security.	2
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Robt. Blackborne.	Send the boatswain of the Naseby for orders as to procuring men - - - -	3
" "	Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Received the press warrant for the Sea Adventure, which will be ready to sail on Thursday if she obtains her provisions and men. Particulars of ships.	4
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Ask the readiness of the 8 ships ordered for the Western expedition, as they hear the Mary prize, one of them, has had nothing done to her. The Middleborough being unserviceable, the Wildman is appointed in her stead. The victuallers must supply the Dragon and Centurion for 5 months, to convoy some victualling ships to Gen. Blake's fleet.	5
" "	Major Wm. Burton, and Jno. Harmer, and Christ. Steygould, bailiffs, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Hearing by some from Newhaven, who got away by stealth, that divers men-of-war are preparing to go among our North Sea fishermen, to seize their vessels and fish, want 2 or 3 ships sent down to guard the fishery there.	6
" "	Thos. Morris, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Finds the Sorlings has neither been hauled on shore nor had a mast set; will hasten her to sea. Having lost his press warrant, asks another.	7

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. April 1	Capt. Thos. Bunn -	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order to the Navy Commissioners to approve the prices charged by him for victuals supplied to the Greyhound, by order of the Commander-in-Chief of Scotland, when on that coast, although they exceed the allowances made to ordinary victuallers. With reference, 27 April, to the Navy Commissioners to certify.	Vol. 107. 8
„ „	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *the Yarmouth.*	„	Intended to be in the Hope, but is detained at Gillingham by wind. Has taken in provisions and has 36 guns, but as she is a large ship, and formerly carried 46, asks 4 more and 2 brass guns at the dock.	9
„ 3	Navy Comrs. - -	„	Recommend Edm. Curle, late commander of the Mary flyboat, for some employment - -	10
„ „	Wm. Serjant, *Islip, Lismore Road.*	Navy Comrs	Sailed from Dublin for Lochaber, by order of the Lord-Deputy, on the 17th ult., and arrived at Dunstaffnage the 23rd, but the wind being contrary, is remaining in Lismore Road, and near the garrison. His steward has deserted, with money for 9 weeks' fish, 11 cwt. of bread, 6 tuns of beer, 6 bushels of peas, and the necessary money for 100 men for 6 weeks.	11
„ „	Capt. Edw. Tarleton, *Islip, Lismore.*	Adm. Com.	Is still detained from sailing to Lochaber by contrary winds - - - - -	12
„ „	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Jer. Country, his lieutenant in the Essex, for renewal of his warrant, or for command of a small pinnace in the harbour.	13
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of the timber and bolts to be put into the Welcome by Mr. Johnson, according to agreement.	14
„ „	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Cat pink, Beaumaris,*	„	Sent an account of his proceedings in the North of Ireland, Scotland, and the Isle of Man. Victualled at Dublin, and had orders from the Lord-Deputy to sail to Beaumaris and transport Lord Hen. Cromwell and his retinue to Dublin, but he not being ready, returned to Dublin, and has cleaned and tallowed.	15
„ „	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham Dock.*	„	Sends proposals for preventing embezzlement of provisions at Chatham, besides those adopted by Mr. Hill, the searcher; another person should be appointed with Mr. Hill, at a salary, to carry them out.	16
„ „	„ „	Navy Comrs	The Centurion, Tiger, and Dragon, belonging to the [summer] guard, have sailed, and will want men, as few mentioned in a list enclosed appeared; will send 12 hoys which arrived with their provisions after them to the Hope. Mr. Tyler, the sailmaker, having promised a chine of beef to be eaten on board the Naseby at Woolwich next Friday, desires their attendance; will bring Mr. Arkinstall to assist in the launching, which he hopes they will excuse, considering the weight of the undertaking.	17
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sends certificate on examination of the gunner of the Winsby, respecting his accounts and the powder on board, by which his knavery will appear. Is hastening the repair of the Great Charity; she will want men, many having run; desires a press warrant. Particulars of ships.	18

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1655. April 3	Capt. Christ. Myngs, *Elizabeth, Downs.*	Navy Com^{rs}	His steward was prevented adjusting his petty warrant accounts with Col. Bellamy before leaving Gravesend, through the absence of the appointed victuallers' deputy, and having received a threatening letter from them, has gone up to town. Complains of the pride and negligence of the victuallers.	Vol. 107. 19
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Particulars of 7 ships appointed for the Western expedition. Ask how many men each is to carry, and for how many months they are to be victualled.	20
" "	Walter Syburne -	—	Information that he bought 4 or 5 cwt. of rope of Thos. Taylor, of Maidstone, at from 3*s.* to 5*s.* per cwt., and offered him 5*s.* per cwt. for some junk he had purchased of Ambrose Read, of Stroud, but he would not accept it.	21
" 4	Thos. Taylor - -	—	Deposition that he not only bought cables and stores of Read, but of any person who brought them, and that he gave Read and Syburne 10*s.* for some paper.	22
" "	John Alderson -	—	Information that while servant to Hen. Dunning, 3 years since, he assisted to carry away 25 barrels of powder and some shot in his master's hoy, from the house of And. Jackson at Chatham. That Whitan, a ship chandler at the Iron Gate, near the Tower, bought some powder of him which came out of the Assurance frigate, and that he brought up 20 barrels from Rich. Paxford at Rochester, which Dunning converted to his own use.	23
" "	Chas. Taylor - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Mr. Baylie was willing to employ as many men as his means would allow, but as money fell short, has impressed sufficient himself to dispatch the ship in a month, Baylie finding stuff and wages.	24
" "	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *the Portsmouth, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Finds his ship has 4 months' provisions, 5 tuns of beer, and 50 men; will endeavour to get more. The storekeeper has taken away 2 small guns.	25
" "	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Having lost his press warrant, wants another - - - - - - -	26
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships. Desires orders to enter some men on board wages, as there are not sufficient labourers to get the Tredagh on shore.	27
" 5	Comr. Peter Pett, *Woolwich.*	"	Stayed at Chatham to see the 2 frigates dispatched for the Hope, where they must obtain men, as few have yet appeared. If any more ships are to be sent to sea, notice should be sent him at Woolwich, where he remains for the launching of the Naseby.	28
" "	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The Navy Clerks have paid off his men, but he wants 70 men to make up his number. His former steward has found security. Recommends Mr. Shepperd, clerk of the Portsmouth, for employment.	29
" "	Capt. Anth. Young, *Tredagh, Portsmouth.*	"	Wants the order to enter men into victuals and wages; will provide victuals meantime. Recommends his brother, lieutenant in the Advice, to be his lieutenant. The steward will either sign a bond, or come to London, as ordered by Col. Clarke.	30
" 6	Robt. Seddon, *Mayflower, Stokes Bay.*	Navy Com^{rs} *Leadenhall St.*	The captain received their order in Wales, and has lost no time in hastening for Portsmouth. Left the Little Charity at Castlehaven, bound for the West Indies, and furnished her with two months' provisions for 60 men. Will send the muster books.	31

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1655. April 6	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The Mayflower having come in, her men might serve in the Tredagh and Sorlings. Capt. Bowen met the Sea Venture off Portland, she having put into Weymouth to stop a leak.	Vol. 107. 32
" "	Capt. Abra. Pearse, *Weymouth Road.*	Capt. Gates Naylor, *Barking.*	While off Portland, the ketch sprung a leak; had to put into the Road to stop it, and then put to sea again, when she sprung another, and had to go into Weymouth Road, where they procured two carpenters, who, with his own, repaired her again; but within the last 24 hours they have pumped not less than 150 strokes a glass, through the neglect of the carpenter or caulker. However, will put to sea again when he has put the carpenters on shore. With certificate of the stoppage of the leak.	33, 34
" "	Vice-Adm. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	The Sparrow has gone for Dunkirk with a Spanish gentleman, who had a pass from his Highness, and order for a vessel to transport him. The Elizabeth has gone for Dieppe with the Genoese Ambassador. Asks where the Advice is to victual.	35
" "	Capt. Pet. Bowen, *Mayflower, Spithead.*	"	Received their order at Milford Haven on the 18th to repair to Portsmouth, but has been kept plying between the Land's End and the Start by contrary winds. Capt. Taylor is gone to Kinsale to victual.	36
" "	Officers of *Chatham Dockyard.*	Comr. Peter Pett.	There is an intention of erecting another tavern in Chatham, midway to the dock, which may be of ill consequences to the navy. Hope the Council or Admiralty Commissioners will take order for preventing it.	37
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Bryer and Saphire have come in for repairs. The severe winter having caused a great expenditure of stores, and hindered the ropemakers' spinning, has desired the Navy Commissioners to hasten some cordage down. Hopes to get the Great Charity out of the carpenters' hands by Monday, and then get in the provisions. Will have to employ labourers, as many of her company have run, and others lie idle and are tippling. With demands of the Saphire for present supply.	38, 38*a*
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs^	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - - -	39
" 7	" "	Adm. Com.	The prisoners taken in the Biscay man-of-war by Capt. Potter were put on shore at Rother, except the captain, who is at Plymouth. The frigate is a good sailer, and will carry 16 or 18 guns; will survey her to-morrow. The Paradox has arrived, and sends a demand for her stores. Has ordered her to ply towards the Land's End, and come in again in 7 days. Will dispatch the Raven and Constant Warwick.	40, 41
" "	Chas. Taylor - -	Navy Com^rs^	Has employed 30 men on the Nantwich, Mr. Baylie providing stuff and money for wages. As they were unwilling to work on Baylie's account, has engaged to see them paid.	42
" "	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *the Portsmouth. Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Has received his victuals and stores, but wants men. Has impressed 15, and has 65. Doubts if the steward can give security.	43

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1655. April 7	Capt. Jno. Sherwin, *Primrose, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Will sail to Chatham with the first wind	Vol. 107. 44
" "	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	"	Arrival of ships. Sends French news brought by the Winsby. Will appoint some frigates to cruise off the French coast for intelligence.	45
" "	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has received the press warrant which miscarried, and will hasten the fitting out of the frigate. If the Mayflower is paid off, asks some of her men.	46
" "	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^rs	Order to pay and turn over the seamen of the Mayflower at Portsmouth into the Tredagh and Sorlings, fitting out there, and have a survey of her defects.	47
" "	" "	"	Order for 6 months' provisions for 8 ships named for the Western expedition, bearing 206 guns, 510 seamen, and 800 landsmen.	48
" 8	Capt. Robt. Nixon, *Centurion, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Complains of the victuallers' delay in sending his beer to Chatham. Was forced to sail, and met a lighter with it, but could not then wait. She was a very unfit vessel, and will be long in reaching him. Wants some from another place.	49
" "	Robt. Willis, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^rs	Has entered on board the hulk at Harwich, but has neither provisions nor lodgings but the deck. Is informed if he can so subsist for a month, he may receive 15*s.* to supply his next month's necessaries, which will cost him 6*s.* or 7*s.* a week, besides other expenses; 3*s.* 9*d.* a week is not enough for him as for others belonging to the hulk, as they live in the town and have relatives, while he is a stranger; left his voyage and lost his passage for New England, and now has 15*s.* a month abated of his usual wages in New England, if confined to 3*s.* 9*d.* a week. Noted that he is to have 7*s.* a week for diet.	50
" 9	Capt. Lambert Cornelius, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has received his provisions, and on receipt of the gunner's stores, will be ready to sail	51
" "	Navy Victuallers	"	Send account of the issue of provisions for the last month	52
" "	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Portsmouth.*	"	His frigate has been hauled on shore to be tallowed. Will try to get men in the country, and expects some out of the Mayflower, but she has only 60, and most of them are to join the Tredagh.	53
" "	Capt. Jno. Geffery, *Bristol.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks that Nath. Rumbelowr may be his minister, and Wm. Fox his clerk of the check	54
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	Is fitting out his frigate [the Nantwich], and if her guns are not retarded, will be ready to sail within a month.	55
" "	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs	Doubts not but Capt. Geffery and Mr. Taylor give an account of the progress made on the Nantwich. Has drawn a bill on Mr. Hutchinson for 400*l.*	56
" "	Mr. Johnson	—	Contract for sheathing and repairing the Welcome	57
" 10	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Recommend Capt. Rich. Johnson to command a 5th rate frigate; he served in the late war with the Dutch, and is well acquainted with the Irish coast and the West of England. With two certificates of Col. Rob. Venables, Chas. Walley, and 3 others in his favour.	58–60

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1655. April 10	Capt. Leo. Harris, *Great Charity, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Cannot take in 1,000 jars of oil, having 100 tuns for the fleet already of beer, flour, and beef, and his own provisions, but will take what he can. The Reserve has come in with two French prizes.	61
” ”	Martin Noel, *Old Jewry.*	Gen. Jno. Desborow.	Asks protection for 16 men belonging to the Happy Fortune, bound to Barbadoes with the State's goods.	62
” ”	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Asks a warrant for taking some timber required for the 2nd rate ship building there - -	63
” ”	Adm. Com. - -	”	Order for Capt. Alderne to provide 150 tuns of Madeira wine for the fleets gone westward, beside what was ordered by the Admiralty Commissioners' warrant of 15 March.	64
” ”	” ”	”	Order to make out a bill for 60*l.* as a gratuity for Geo. Kendall, clerk of the survey at Deptford and Woolwich, for detecting the frauds and abuses of Thos. Greene of Dover, in relation to the navy, in that port lately under his management.	65
” ”	” ”	Navy Com^{rs} and Navy Treasurer.	Order to defer payment of any money in hand due to Thos. Greene of Dover, for refitting and setting forth ships, until he has accounted for 714*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.*, as he has abused his trust and defrauded the Commonwealth to that amount.	66
” ”	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends the appraisements of the Orange Tree and Sea Horse hoys, and the captain's inventory, and asks orders.	67
” 11	Capt. Jno. Parker, *Truelove.*	Adm. Com.	Will convoy the Salem for Bristol, but having only 5 weeks' provisions, desires they will send down a fortnight's more.	68
” ”	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Portsmouth.*	”	Has had the Sorlings tallowed, and 15 men turned over to her from the Mayflower, and will rig and fit her to receive her guns and stores.	69
” ”	Capt. Je. Country, *Portsmouth.*	”	Has told Capt. Thorowgood to have the small pinnace surveyed; she will stow two months' provisions for 24 men.	70
” ”	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Hopewell, Spithead.*	”	Having received the gunner's stores, will sail to-night - - - - - -	71
” 12	Capt. Mic. Nutton, *Satisfaction, Beaumaris.*	”	Stayed at Inverlochy till 3 April, when the Islip came to relieve him; had to put his men on half allowance of biscuit for several days, but the Governor of the fort at Inverlochy gave him 14 days' victuals to carry him to Liverpool, whither he will proceed, according to Gen. Monk's order. Complains of the misconduct of Hen. Browne, his master, who has been drunk and used bad language. Asks leave to put him on shore at Liverpool.	72
” ”	Jas. Smith - -	”	Petition for employment, having lost his left leg in the Portland engagement while serving in the Oak; has since served in the Plover, but is discharged by Capt Thompson as disabled. With certificate of the discharge, and order to the Navy Commissioners to enter him on board some ship in the river.	73

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1655. April 12	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order that the officers and company of the Primrose at Chatham be paid, and the ship fitted for the summer guard.	Vol. 107. 74
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	The Naseby is launched and at her moorings; asks a warrant for entering men on petty warrant, as also for making up the 50 upon her to 200, without which the master dares not venture with her to Chatham or the Hope; also for discharging the soldiers who are useless.	75
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Ask directions on the above letter - - - - - - - -	76
,, 13	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	,,	Particulars of ships. Hears of 1 or 2 Brest pirates between Guernsey and St. Malo's; wishes to send the Sparrow pink, which is not suspected as a man-of-war, to meet them. Will have the ships in as good a posture as may be, in case the French should become our enemy; there is a great need of contingent money.	77
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	,,	Gave warrant to the navy victuallers to supply the 8 ships appointed for the Western expedition with 8 months' provisions for 1,310 men; they sent in a state of the victuals in the respective ports, showing that they have issued so much for London and Chatham that there is only sufficient for 1,015 men for 6 months. As 7 of the ships are at Deptford and Woolwich, and if victualled there, will require a far greater proportion, ask orders. The 3 ships with provisions for Gen. Blake's fleet have fallen down to Gravesend.	78
,, ,,	Commrs. for Prize Goods.	,,	Have landed 50 rolls of Brazil tobacco out of the Sampson at Plymouth, the duty on which is 6*d.* a pound for Customs, and 6*d.* for Excise, but it is appraised at only 5*d.* a pound, and will be put up for sale on the 20th. Have also landed a great quantity of French wine, but it is only fit to distil, and will not sell for more than 3*l.* 10*s.* per tun, they paying custom of 4*l.* 10*s.* per tun, and the buyers the excise 3*l.* As the Commissioners cannot alter their demand for excise, the wine will come to nothing unless some other course is adopted to sell it; the buyers should pay poundage for Excise, and the State the Customs on the wines and tobacco.	79
,, ,,	Capt. John Sherwin, *Primrose, Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Asks orders for disposal of his frigate and men, and not to hang, like Mahomet's tomb, neither relating to heaven or earth.	80
,, ,,	Adm. Comrs., *Whitehall.*	,,	Ordered the Centurion and Dragon to convoy the vessels with provisions for Gen. Blake's fleet to the Downs, and then wait there for further orders, which they must send.	81
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	Order to examine how the Great President received the damage mentioned in Capt. Fras. Parke's letters, and to direct him to turn over his men into the Centurion, Dragon, and Tiger, leaving only sufficient to bring her up to Woolwich. With his letters of her arrival at Harwich, and of the damage.	82, 83
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Directed the officers at Harwich to wash and tallow the Great President, but upon hauling her on shore, they found some of her timbers broken; she should be sent up the river to be docked.	84
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Particulars of ships. Asks whether to continue the money to the clerks of the check for provisions for sick men.	85

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1655. April 13	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Shall not be able to attend the sale of the linen, being summoned on the Commission of Oyer and Terminer at Exeter. If the sale is postponed it will benefit the State, as Messrs. Hill and Oxenbridge only left London on Wednesday, and will not be at Plymouth until Tuesday or Wednesday. Further particulars.—Capt. Myngs will range on the coast of France after he has delivered his convoy, and the Reserve, Elizabeth, and Bryer shall convoy the vessels to Lyme, Exeter, Dartmouth, and Plymouth.	Vol. 107. 86
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships. There were 32 casks of brandy brought in the last prize by Capt. Heaton, and 200 of old French wine, and some cider, which may serve for beverage for Gen. Penn.	87
" "	" "	Col. Jno. Clarke.	The Bryer has been detained from going to the Sound by the storms. The master of a vessel from Morlaix reports that he was shot at there from the castle, but escaped; that they took away the sails of several vessels riding there, and prohibited the shipping out of any sail cloth, on penalty of confiscation; that the merchants feared a war, and that several English vessels have been taken and brought into Brest. Sir Geo. Carteret was at Morlaix, and unloaded two vessels with hemp, bound for England, and one at St. Malo. Will enquire into his actings, as he has 60*l.* or 80*l.* a year at Jersey. Will send over the Reserve and other ships upon the coast, as there are 4 Brest men-of-war waiting the coming of the ships from Morlaix. Is still forced to keep labourers on the Great Charity, as her men run daily; has had 4 brought back and committed to the hall until she is in the Sound. Is much hindered by the foul weather.	88
" "	Capt. Jno. Sherwin, *Primrose, Chatham.*	"	Having a letter to deliver to him from Lord-Deputy Fleetwood, desires leave to attend him. Wants to be removed into the Pelican, having rendered good service both on land and sea since he came from beating the Scotch King at Worcester. It is the first time he ever solicited anything for himself; is well known as a faithful soldier; and before leaving Scotland, General Monk promised him the command of one of the new ships building, in lieu of the Newcastle promised him, but given to Capt. Cobham.	89
" "	J. Whittle, clerk to the Commissioners for Prize Goods.	—	List of schedules annexed to decrees for restoration of goods and ships condemned as prize -	90
" "	Edw. Bellamy -	—	Certificate that the fish on the Sea Venture amounts to 24 tons. With accounts by Thos. Sprigge of victuals shipped in the Sea Venture and Maidenhead for Gen. Blake's fleet in the Straits by the navy victuallers.	91–93
" 14	Chas. Taylor, *Bristol.*	Navy Comrs	Has used the warrant for impressing carpenters with effect, having got all [the Nantwich's] masts set, and her into Hunger Road, 3 miles from Bristol.	94
" "	T. Chillingworth, *the Essex.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends two papers unsealed, one for the Admiralty Commissioners, and the other for Gen. Desborow. Begs assistance for payment of his arrears.	95

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1655. April 14	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	Navy Comrs	Has sent a warrant to Woolwich, for all the ordinary and labourers to be at Deptford at noon. The preparations for launching are backward enough; expects to be forced to call in the help of all the ropemakers in the merchants' yards in the town, for the better managing of the crabs to-morrow.	Vol. 107. 96
,, ,,	Comrs. for Prize Goods.	Robt. Blackborne.	Ask an Admiralty warrant for the bearers to recover two vessels lying at Greys and Burnam Water, and taken by persons having no right to them. Gave a warrant themselves, but the country would not obey it.	97
,, ,,	Capt. Anth. Young, *Tredagh.*	,,	Is tallowed and hopes soon to take in victuals. Endeavoured to obtain men both by persuasion and press, but they are scarce; will leave his lieutenant in charge, and come to London to get some. Recommends Rich. Mathews, who has long been midshipman and boatswain, if the Mary flyboat is going to sea and wants a boatswain.	98
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough, Burlington Bay.*	,,	Sent notice from the Humber of having detained some passengers and sent them to Hull. Has been to sea, but meeting with very rough weather and some damage, put into Burlington to refit; will sail to-day. Has not met with any men-of-war molesting the coast.	99
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *the Portsmouth, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Will observe their orders. As his former steward has promised security, Mr. Chillingworth refused the employment; has given the steward leave to go for London for 8 days; will see to the victuals during his absence.	100
,, ,,	Capt. Abra. Algate, *Drake, Spithead.*	,,	Plying on his station, met Capt. Parker, who directed him to sail to Vice-Adm. Lawson in the Downs for orders. Was commanded to Dover to convoy a vessel with horse to Dieppe, and then return to Weymouth, to convoy the Hopewell to the Downs; but she not being there, went to the Isle of Wight and Portsmouth, and anchored in Stokes' Bay; will return to the Downs.	101
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	To order Capt. Thos. Alderne to contract with the merchantmen taken up for the Western expedition for the transporting and victualling of 300 landsmen, to be distributed amongst the ships; to abate 100 landsmen out of the 800 to be sent in the 8 State's ships, for the better stowage of the provisions; and to order Alderne to put on such 8 ships as much provision as they can carry, besides their own. To send two of the first of the 8 ships that can be got ready to Harwich to victual, and to give order for refitting the Mary flyboat in lieu of the Middleborough, she being unfit for the voyage.	102
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order that the Sorlings at Portsmouth be fitted to carry 110 men and 28 guns - - -	103
,, ,,	Col. Robt. Gibbon -	—	Certificate that Rich. Bull has seen much service both at sea and on land, and carried him over to Jersey.	104
,, ,,	Jno. Mould - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for leave to take his course at law against Thos. Milton, who is going to sea in the service, for payment of 9 boxes of candles.	105
,, ,,	,, ,, -	—	Deposition that in Feb. 1650–51 he sent a parcel of candles on board the Speaker, value 22*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.*, and has never been paid.	106

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1655. April 15	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Has ordered the boatswain of the Yarmouth to attend them, and sent an express to Capt. Maddison of the Sparrow pink, now at Dover, to come up to the Downs, when he will dispatch him away, so as to prevent her men running; they are very refractory and adverse to the service. Particulars of ships. Recommends Lieut. Gilpin for the command of the Sparrow; he was lieutenant in the Advice and Torrington, and wounded in the engagement with the Dutch. Ant. Roberts has landed at Sandown Castle from France, having his Highness's pass, and reports they are making great preparations for war there.	Vol. 107. 107
„ „	„ „	Robt. Blackborne.	To like effect. Desires him to tell the General that he will take as much care of the matters alluded to as if they were his own. Thanks for care in his friend's business concerning Whitby, although not granted.	108
„ 16	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Several ships will soon be ready to sail if men can be procured, but most of them have gone in the Lyme and Portsmouth, which is a great hindrance to the service.	109
„ „	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *the Yarmouth, Downs.*	„	Sends up Jno. Butler, the boatswain, by order of Vice-Adm. Lawson. Can say little as to what he is charged with, but he was in the service during the late war, and a very honest and able seaman.	110
„ „	Bailiffs of *Yarmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for the order for Capt. Wilkinson of the Weymouth to sail to the North Sea, for guard of the fishermen there.	111
„ „	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *the Weymouth, Leith Road.*	Adm. Com.	Will observe their instructions for taking charge of the whole of the North fishery, but having only 10 days' provisions, has been ordered by Gen. Monk to victual in Scotland; will then sail to find the fishers.	112
„ „	Capt. Jno. Geffery, *Bristol.*	Blackborne	Has got the Nantwich down to Hunger Road, and her masts set, and will get all ready for the guns. Asks whether the officers with their servants are to be included in the 20 able men.	113
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	The Centurion can take in 30 tons more provisions. Gen. Penn's squadron had extra boatswains, gunners, and carpenters' stores; if the 8 ships going to him are to have the same, they will take time to provide.	114
„ „	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Though the Admiralty Commissioners had given order for furnishing our frigate with 28 guns and 110 men, an order has come to the Ordnance Officers to supply only 24. The frigate has ports for 40, and will be much undergunned and not able to do the service she might; she is also to be victualled for 100 men instead of 110, for 4 months. Capt. Thorowgood and Mr. Tippetts think she ought to have what was ordered by the Admiralty Commissioners. Desires he will acquaint them with it.	115
„ „	„ „ -	Adm. Com.	To like effect. The frigate is forward, considering there are only 44 men entered, and will soon be ready for her guns and victuals.	116
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, Edw. Hopkins, *Navy Office.*	„	Desire order for fitting out and victualling the Nantwich at Bristol - - - -	117

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1655. April 16	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sent last week the appraisements of the Orange Tree and Seahorse hoys, and the captain's inventory of their belongings.	Vol. 107. 118
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Major Neh. Bourne.	Will draw the money by exchange when he can meet with it, being very scarce in the West. The James with the stores has arrived; the deals are bad; hopes the master has not changed them, as he has 100 to sell. Has ordered the Reserve and two others to the coast of Brittany, to convoy home 16 ships of great value, as there are 4 Brest men-of-war waiting at the mouth of the river for their coming out. The Great Charity has hardly 20 sailors left, so shall have difficulty to man her. Shall stop the sale of 80 bolts of coarse noyals found amongst the linen, as they are much wanted in the stores.	119
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thompson, *Plover, Dear Sound, Isles of Orkney.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in with the Iceland fleet to stop a leak, and will sail to-morrow	120
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^{rs}	To like effect	121
„ „	„ „	Robt. Blackborne.	To like effect. Asks him to forward letters to his wife and others	122
„ „	Jno. Scott, *Portsmouth.*	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Navy Office.*	Delivered his letter for Mr. Eastwood, with an imprest bill for 100*l.*; spoke to Mr. Burgess concerning And. Jackson, gunner of the James. With note, 10 April, of embezzlements discovered by Alderson and Dunning of powder, shot, cables, and junk, by And. Jackson, gunner of the James, Rich. Leake, gunner of the Pelican, and others; and list of 6 persons, including Jackson, accused of embezzlement.	123–125
„ 17	Thos. Bennett, *Portsmouth.*	—	Examination as to Rich. Gardner, of Portsmouth, carrying away 11 barrels of powder and a coil of new breaching from the James, a year ago.	126
„ „	Adm. Com., *Whitehall.*	Navy Com^{rs}	As to furnishing the 8 ships bound Westward with extras, they are to consult what should be done, and certify the nature and quantities. The Centurion should take in the whole 30 tons of provisions at Dover, but losing no time, if there is a fair wind. The Nantwich must have 3 months' victual for 20 men until the arrival of stores.	127
„ „	Stephen Skewes, *Satisfaction, Liverpool.*	„	Sends the muster book of 96 men on board, two having died. Arrived in Chester Water from Lochaber on the 13th, by Gen. Monk's order, touching at Carrickfergus on the way.	128
„ „	Capt. Saml. Higginson, *Mary flyboat, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is fitting the ship to careen and tallow. She will carry 26 guns, having 34 ports clear, besides 6 stopped. Much wants men, but does not expect any until he gets out of harbour; having no carpenter, recommends Wm. Williams, whose certificate is with Mr. Blackborne.	129
„ 18	Capt. Thos. Elliot, *Fagon, Plymouth Sound.*	„	Has been plying on his station 50 leagues from Scilly, by order of Capt. Bourne, but meeting severe storms, has sprung all his masts; has come in for provisions and orders.	130

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1655. April 18	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Paradox, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has tallowed and taken in ballast and provisions, and if his stores arrive, can sail to-morrow	Vol. 107. 131
” ”	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^rs	The Gift and Paul have been long waiting for stores; wants 40 extra men to carry on the business in the yard.	132
” 19	Gen. Geo. Monk, *Dalkeith.*	”	Desires they will pay Wm. Cary the money due upon a ticket of David Allizer, a seaman in the Weymouth pink, who was drowned two months since in Leith Road, his wife being in a sad condition at Leith.	133
” ”	Capt. Jno. Best, *Adventure, Humber.*	Adm. Com.	Convoyed the Hull fleet of 21 sail to the mouth of the Thames, and then returned for those bound for Amsterdam. Is sorry to hear from Major Elton that they are dissatisfied with him; has never neglected the service.	134
” ”	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^rs	Order for the speedy refitting and victualling of the Satisfaction under Capt. Nutton, on her arrival at Liverpool, she having to return to the west parts of Scotland.	135
” ”	” ”	”	Order for cleaning the Advice at Harwich, and victualling her for 4 months	136
” ”	” ”	”	Order to examine a complaint enclosed by Wm. Kneeland, late master's mate of the Yarmouth, against Jno. Butler, the boatswain, for drunkenness, and embezzling and wasting the canvas and other stores. With answer of Butler thereto, and a letter from Robt. Grassingham and two others at Harwich in Butler's behalf, 27 April 1655.	137–140
” ”	Manlie Callis, *Deptford.*	”	Repairs of ships	141
” 20	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend.*	”	The Maidenhead and 3 other ships have sailed from the Hope, but the Tiger is still there	142
” ”	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Ordered a survey of the Mayflower at Portsmouth, and hear from the master shipwright that she may be fitted at small expense.	143
” ”	” ”	”	As to the extraordinary stores for the 8 ships bound westward, cannot give a satisfactory account without knowing the time they are to stay abroad, and on what service they may be put. The extraordinary stores issued to the fleet already gone for those parts were digested when Gen. Penn was present, and the order attended to; Mr. Willoughby says they had additional supplies at Portsmouth. If a like proportion is ordered for, these have only conjectural rules to guide them, having no advice as yet from the fleet what extra expense they have been exposed to.	144
” 21	” ”	”	Have considered what was done as to extra stores for the boatswains, gunners, and carpenters, to the first fleet sent westward, and in proportion thereto, have drawn the enclosed as necessary stores to be supplied to the present expedition, but for which they have no order. Have not taken cognizance of surgeons' chests, smiths, coals, iron, bricklayers, sawyers, or glaziers.	145

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. April 21	Rob. Smith, Owner of the *Adventure.*	—	Bill for 471*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.* balance due for hire of his ship for 4 months in 1642; and certificate by Rich. Crandley as to the correctness of the rate of hire.	Vol. 107. 146
" "	Chas. Taylor, Surveyor, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^rs	Prosecuted the warrant for impressing men to dispatch the Nantwich, Mr. Baylie engaging to provide both stuff and wages, and employed 32 men from the 4th to the 14th, but they deserted, he not paying them, whereupon Mr. Shewell supplied him with money.	147
" "	Adm. Com.	"	Order to refit the Great President at Woolwich, and turn her crew over to the Naseby, which is to be removed to Erith.	148
" "	" "	"	Order for refitting the Mayflower at Portsmouth, and victualling her for 60 men for 3 months	149
" "	" "	"	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Powell, messenger to the Admiralty Commissioners, for 20*l.* disbursed by him.	150
" "	Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	"	Particulars of a survey of the Mayflower, which wants sails and rigging. Has careered and sheathed the Mary flyboat; Capt. Thorowgood, who has been ill, desires order for her victualling.	151
" "	Wm. Godfrey, *Deptford.*	Col. Jno. Clerke.	Recommends Jas. Tucker as gunner in the Marmaduke	152
" "	Capt. Anth. Young	Adm. Com.	Approves the continuance of the boatswain, gunner, carpenter, and cook in the Tredagh	153
" 22	Capt. Robt. Nixon, *Centurion, Downs.*	"	Has come in with the vessels as directed, and will proceed to Plymouth, but is too weakly manned for a foreign voyage, and if he took an enemy, could not manage both ships. When in the Straits, was allowed 180 men, but if there is no help for it, must do with the 145 he has on board.	154
" 23	Navy Comrs.	"	Find the charge for repairing and cleaning the mast dock at Deptford will amount to 1,500*l.*; suppose there is some timber in the stores there which can be used for it.	155
" "	Christ. Pett, *Blackwall.*	Navy Com^rs	Has arranged with the captain as to enlarging the hold of the Welcome, and given orders to the carpenter; it will be best done at Woolwich, and her stowage will be much advanced.	156
" "	Thos. White, *Dover.*	"	Has sent notice to Sandwich and Deal of the intended sale of the Orange Tree and the Seahorse, at the Guildhall, Dover, by inch of candle, on 10 May, and will advance the price as much as possible. The Phoenix lost an anchor and cable in Folkestone Bay; they were recovered by some men belonging to a Dover boat, who demand ⅔rds of their value; asks how to agree with them; also whether to seize for the State some water casks belonging to a vessel cast away on Romney Marsh, which the owners claim from the finders.	157
" "	Rich. Cord, *Portsmouth.*	"	Asks leave to come up to contract for the carving and painting of the new frigate building at Portsmouth.	158
" "	Capt. John Seaman, *Dragon, Downs.*	"	On the arrival of the Great President in the Hope, got 12 of her men, the Centurion 10, and the Tiger 26, and next day they all sailed for the Downs.	159
" "	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Desire order to victual some ships at London, to save the expense of sending the Church with provisions to Harwich.	160

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April 23	Rich. Hill, Clem. Oxenbridge, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Zealand of Flushing, brought in by Capt. Vessey, has 40 chests of soap, 3 marble tables of great worth, and 33 pipes of oil. The master reports that there are 60 merchantmen and others, laden with linen and other rich goods, ready to sail from St. Malo, as soon as the embargo is taken off.	161
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Comrs	Order for the appointment of 160 men on the Centurion, and 140 on the Dragon - - -	162
„ 24	„ „	„	Order to send 12 cables and 8 anchors, for the ships on the Irish coast, in the Blessing of London, going to Dublin with 500 barrels of powder.	163
„ „	„ „	„	Order to direct Capt. Alderne to contract for clothes for 1,000 landsmen to be sent on the Western expedition at the cheapest rate, but to be of the same quality as those supplied to Gen. Venables' fleet, and to put them on board the ships on which the men are borne.	164
„ „	„ „	„	Order to provide stores, mentioned in a paper enclosed, for 8 ships named, bound westward -	165, 166
„ „	„ „	„	The two ships which were to be sent to Harwich to be victualled may remain in the river, and be supplied with expedition there.	167
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends the bearer for the boatswain's place in the Wildman - - - -	168
„ „	Daniel Helling -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a gunner's place, having served the State 12 years, 5 years as gunner's mate, and 18 months in the Marston Moor. Has been in several engagements with the Dutch, and was wounded and taken prisoner in the Straits, where he lost all he possessed, and had to travel home overland. With certificate of Capt. Hen. Appleton, and two others in his favour; also an authority to him to employ any soldier in his Excellency's company to assist him in his duty as master gunner.	169–171
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Comrs	Asks payment of 150*l.* disbursed for stores and refitting the Sparrow. Has sent notice to various places of the intended sale of the vessels, and doubts not but they will fetch their value.	172
„ „	John Walfare -	Adm. Com.	Petition for compensation for the loss and damage of his medicine chest, clothes, and books, by a leak in the Portsmouth, while undergoing repair at Harwich. With certificate of Capt. Fras. Parke, and 3 others that the damage amounts to 20*l.*	173, 174
„ 25	Wm. Webb, *Reserve, Downs.*	Navy Comrs	Went to Morlaix by order of Capt. Hatsell, with the Bryer and Elizabeth, and having convoyed home the vessels there, waits orders.	175
„ „	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	„	Has ordered the Bristol to Dunkirk, to transport Marquis Leda for Dover; will deliver their instructions to the Paradox, on her return from convoying the vessels to Dieppe. With list of ships in the Downs.	176, 177
„ „	Manlie Callis, *Deptford.*	„	Particulars of timber required out of Dean Forest, for building the second rate ship at Deptford -	178
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor -	Com. Pett, *Woolwich.*	As the timber brought from Rainham is almost spent, asks an order for two boat loads more, as it can be had at 3*l.* a load.	179
„ 26	„ „	Navy Comrs	Particulars of the timber required from Dean Forest for the stores at Chatham - - -	180
„ „	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson.	—	Certificate in favour of Augustine Country, gunner's mate and midshipman of the Fairfax, for employment as gunner.	181

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1655. April 26	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for the refitting and manning of the French shallop at Portsmouth, which is to be called the Portsmouth shallop.	Vol. 107. 182
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has examined the linen and canvas he is so desirous to hold, and thinks it will not fetch 11,000*l.*; will stop the coarse noyals for the navy, as much has been spent this winter, besides what Gen. Blake took away; and if there be a war with France, it may be useful. The Reserve, Elizabeth, and Bryer will sail to-day; hopes to get the Great Charity and Saphire into the Sound to-morrow, if strong liquor and folly, which spoil the men, do not hinder.	183
" "	Stephen Woolgate -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the boatswain's place on the small frigate building at Chatham; served 8 years under Vice-Adm. Moulton and Capt. Rich. Badiley, and is now boatswain's mate in the Fairfax. With certificates of Vice-Adm. Lawson, and Phineas Pett, and 4 others in his favour.	184–186
" 27	Anne Colvert - -	Col. Clarke	Begs pity for her distressed estate, and dispatch of her business, having lost her husband at sea, and having two children to maintain. Her case has been certified to the Admiralty Commissioners by the Commissioners at Little Britain, and only wants signature.	187
" "	Stephen Skewes, *Satisfaction, Liverpool.*	Navy Com^{rs}	There being no steward, has performed those duties, as also those of clerk of the check, and having disbursed his own money for victuals, desires repayment; also appointment of a steward, and a supply of stores mentioned in 2 lists enclosed.	188–190
" 28	Chas. Taylor, *Bristol.*	"	Has continued his services as surveyor of the ship building by Mr. Baylie; hopes to have her out of the carpenters' hands in 10 days.	191
" 30	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Have turned over some of the Great President's men into the Naseby, but there are several officers, and others on board who are not seamen, and are maintained at great charge; as she will be some time under repair, asks orders respecting them.	192
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to pay off and discharge the officers and mariners of the Great President at Woolwich -	193
" "	Thos. White, *Dover*	"	Has supplied the Dragon and Centurion with provisions, &c., by order of Vice-Adm. Lawson; begs payment of 150*l.* disbursed.	194
" "	Jno. Greene, *Deptford.*	Robt. Blackborne.	There has been no gunner in the Marmaduke for a year; has declined to give any one a certificate for the place while she is in dock.	195
" "	Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sends depositions of men belonging to the St. Peter of Dunkirk, taken, and the Prosperous of North Yarmouth, rescued by the Preston, and brought into Portsmouth. Will send the captain to-morrow, he being sick, having been shot through the thigh. Particulars of ships in harbour.	196–198
" "	Thos. Sankey, *Adviser, before Filey.*	"	The Great President having met with a disaster, brought her to the Thames, then went to the Humber to convoy ships to Hamburg, but they were gone, so went northwards.	199
April.	Samuel Law - -	—	Account of abuses discovered by him as cutler, furbisher of swords, and proof master in the Ordnance Stores; men have endeavoured to corrupt him by wishing him to pay higher rates for their work.	200
"	Comrs. for Prizes -	—	Account of 8 prizes brought into Plymouth and Portsmouth by the Assistance and 4 other frigates, within the last 5 weeks.	201

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1655. April	Wm. Bake, cooper -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a gratuity or some place to preserve him from penury. Served 8 months in the Assistance, is impaired in strength, and can get no allowance from the chest at Chatham. With certificate by Capt. Thos. Sparling, and 3 others, 11 Nov. 1654, in his favour, and note by E. Hayward, 25 April 1655, that no help can be given from Chatham.	Vol. 107. 202, 203
May 1	Adm. Com. - -	Rich. White.	Order to attend them at Whitehall on Friday, to give an account of matters in relation to the public, he having been employed with his hoy in carrying provisions from Chatham to the State's ships.	Vol. 108. 1
„ „	Lieut. Nath. Browne, *Woodbridge.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Begs employment in one of the ships appointed for the summer expedition - - -	2
„ „	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has been watching a Flemish hoy laden on Frenchmen's account, and when she had put to sea, went after her, and has brought her in again. Capt. Vessey, of the Nightingale, heard of 37 French ships about leaving St. Malo; has been ordered by Capt. Hatsell to hasten to his station, and endeavour to join Capt. Vessey and the Saphire and Assistance, the better to do execution on the enemy.	3
„ „	Capt. Thos. Elliot, *Fagon, Plymouth Sound.*	„	Will sail to his station to day, as ordered by Capt. Hatsell - - - - -	4
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The Naseby having arrived at Gravesend, will go there, and obtain as many men for her as he can. Recommends Mr. Vidgedown, appointed steward of the Paragon but superseded, for employment.	5
„ 2	Comr. Peter Pett, *Gravesend.*	„	Has mustered 44 officers and men on the Naseby; directed the clerk of the check to discharge 4 of them. Wants her ordnance sent down from Woolwich.	6
„ „	Capt. Jno. Geffery, *the Nantwich, Hunger Road.*	„	Has nearly completed the rigging, and if the guns arrive from Plymouth, can sail in 4 days. Asks order as to taking in provisions and pressing men, as there are many ships in harbour, who when they sail will take the men away.	7
„ „	Capt. Phil. Gethings, *Channel, near Cape Barfleur.*	„	Chased a French man-of-war and his convoy into Hogue Bay, and kept them in for 24 hours, but the wind shifting, and they being close under a fort, and many horse and foot near, was forced to leave them. Is ordered to the Downs, and with Capt. Saunders and the Drake, will ply upon his station.	8
„ „	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered the letters for Gen. Blake to Capt. Nixon, who has sailed with others. Account of provisions on board frigates in the Downs. The Bristol arrived in Dover Road with the Spanish Ambassador, and having landed him, has come into the Downs. Believes the pirates abroad are not French, but from Brest. The Yarmouth has gone as convoy to Dieppe, and has 6 weeks' provisions on board.	9

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1655. May 3	Capt. Robt. Colman, *the Fleetwood*, *Chester Water.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying between St. David's Head and the Channel, and having spent two months' provisions, has come in for more, and some cables, and will then return to Dublin, by order of the Lord-Deputy and Council. Asks a press warrant, and what number of men he is to carry, having only 45, which are not sufficient to manage two decks and a quarter.	Vol. 108. 10
„ „	Dan. Johnson, *Poole.*	Blackborne.	Capt. Goulding, a privateer, has brought in a ship bound for Canada, and a letter enclosed. Begs removal from this poor and unhealthful place.	11
„ „	H. Terne, *Fairfax*, *Downs.*	„	Hearing that Mr. Fowler, the Judge Advocate, recommends Stephen Woolgate, boatswain's mate, for preferment, has sent certificates in his favour from the Vice-Admiral, and from some of the officers at Chatham.	12
„ „	Seamen of the *Satisfaction*, *Liverpool.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Ask an order for money and necessaries, having served 16 to 19 months with little or no pay, whereby they are in a sad condition for want of clothes; on account of the badness of provisions in the last voyage, many of them have been very ill.	13
„ 4	Capt. Mic. Nutton, *Satisfaction*, *Liverpool.*	Adm. Com.	Is cleaned and tallowed, and will take in the 4 or 5 months' provisions ordered, but they will not be ready for 10 days. Liverpool is a bad place for fitting out a large ship. Sends account of stores required. Recommends his lieutenant, Wm. Pickering, who has been two voyages with him, and served the late commander, Capt. Pestell, for the place of master.	14
„ „	Stephen Archbold -	—	Will supply good and serviceable rapiers at 4*s.* and 5*s.*, and oil and clean the arms at 12*l.* a year.	15
„ 5	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Examined the damage done to the Great President, and find that she went aground in going to Scotland, and that she was not damaged while at Harwich.	16
„ „	Capt. Robt. Colman, *Wexford*, *alias Fleetwood*, *Chester.*	„	Sends an order from the Lord-Deputy and Council of Ireland of 23 April, not to wait for the soldiers, but range the Welsh coast, return to Holyhead, then proceed to Chester, receive two cables, and some victuals, and return to Dublin. Chas. Walley, junr., says the cables are coming from London, but Mr. Windis, the victualler, cannot supply provisions without order.	17–18
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Particulars of ships, some of which are prevented from sailing for want of men - - -	19
„ „	Prize Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Desire a warrant for Wm. Harris to recover a yawl in possession of Mr. Morton, at Rainham, Essex, and another vessel purloined from the State; have given him a warrant, but the country abuse the messengers, and refuse delivery.	20
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	„	Recommend Wm. Moore as a lieutenant, clerk of the check, or steward - - - -	21
„ 7	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for a survey of the stowage, which is to be as large as possible, in the 8 ships designed for the Western expedition; the Mary flyboat, at Portsmouth, to be fitted to carry bread, as also the 7 ships in the river; one of the Navy Commissioners to attend to this business.	22
„ „	„ „	„	Order to contract for the hire of the ketches referred to in Vice-Adm. Lawson's letter enclosed of the 6th inst., and to see that they are manned and victualled, and sent to attend the fleet.	23, 24
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for the news. The bringing away the statute book was a mistake, but as it is useful, will pay for it, and desires he will buy another. Has not received the instructions sent for Capt. Heaton.	25

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1655. May 7	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	All the frigates for the Western squadron are abroad. As they were short of water casks, and would have had to put into Falmouth in 6 weeks for water, has apportioned them for the 3 months they are victualled, and will do the same with the other ships that have come in. Wants an anchor and cable for the Paradox.	Vol. 108. 26
" "	Wm. Freeman -	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends the bearer, his brother's son, who has been a scrivener in the Tower Liberty, as a clerk of the check, and sends certificate in his favour from Capt. Cox.	27
" "	Capt. Thos. Bunn, *London.*	Adm. Com.	The Welcome is ready for her victuals; has ordered them sent down, and will go on board to expedite her sailing.	28
" "	Capt. Jno. Parker, *Truelove, Milford Haven.*	"	Sailed from Couse Road with the Salem on the 1st inst., and after much rough weather, has safely arrived with his convoy.	29
" "	Capt. Anth. Young, *Tredagh, Spithead.*	"	Has sent to Poole, the Isle of Wight, and Southampton, to press men, but without effect. Has 140 or 150 on board, and will sail with the first wind, and range the French coast. Sent to the constable of Gosport to arrest Wm. Pink and the other man who ran from the Lyme, but they were not to be found. Hears by a seaman on board who escaped from Brest, that the Star, formerly belonging to this State, brought in an English ship there as prize; many small men-of-war go in there. The French have a ship there ready to be launched, which is 44 feet broad, and is to carry 80 guns.	30
" "	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sent Robt. Willis out with some boats, and he found the Liberty, laden with ballast, lying upright in 15 feet at low water; he surveyed her and found she was going to pieces, but hopes to recover her guns, anchors, and cables.	31
" "	Capt. E. Hayward, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends the bearer, his kinsman, for a steward's place; left a good certificate of him with Mr. Powell.	32
" 8	Mich. Mew, *the Yarmouth, Dover Roads.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends a survey of defective beef on the Yarmouth, and desires a supply in lieu thereof - -	33, 34
" "	Capt. Ga. Saunders, *Tiger, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Sends the papers of a French ship he has taken and brought in, and asks orders as to her disposal; she is richly laden. Hears of 3 more that are taking in cloth at Newhaven, very richly laden, bound for Canada. There are 20 Dutch ships in Concord Road laden with salt for the grand party, and expected at Newhaven. Salt is 40*s.* a bushel in the French ports, and the French King will not send any but in Dutch ships.	35
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	"	Will send the warrant for Jno. Tancock to be master of the Great Charity after him, as she has sailed; went on board and declared him master, and ordered Gosse out of the ship, with which the captain and company were much pleased. Sent Gen. Penn an account, as his name was to Gosse's warrant. All the frigates of the western station are at sea and Ireland. As a Brest man-of-war, lying near the Land's End, has taken some coal barges, hopes the Paradox will range that coast, as she sails towards Ireland.	36

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1655. May 8	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *the Weymouth, North Seas.*	Adm. Com.	Understands by the fishers that the fleet is much scattered by the great storm in the North Seas. Jno. Thirstell of Yarmouth was robbed by an Amsterdamer of part of his fish, they threatening him with their lances if he did not deliver.	Vol. 108. 37
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice, Harwich.*	,,	The refitting and victualling of his ship will be completed this week - - - -	38
,, ,,	Navy Victuallers -	—	Three abstracts of victuals issued to the State's ships since 15 Feb. - - - -	39–41
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has charged a bill on the Treasurer for 478*l.* 11*s.*, and desires speedy payment, and a prompt passing of his accounts, as the money is out of his own purse, and there is 300*l.* more owing. Wants money to clear the debts of the Great Charity, &c., and it is hard that he must disburse his own, or the service suffer. Cannot get money by exchange, but at dear rates. Has supplied the Paradox with a few stores, and hastened her to Ireland, but an anchor and cable should be sent for her to Kinsale; wants anchors for the stores.	42
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Send a letter from Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, desiring they will hire one or two more small vessels to range the coast for Brest and other pirates, who are doing much mischief. Beg orders therein. Are executing their order concerning the 8 ships for the western expedition, and one of the Navy Commissioners will attend them.	43, 44
,, 9	,, - -	,,	Have contracted with Capt. Wm. Berry for the Endeavour of Barking, recommended by Vice-Adm. Lawson, at 18*l.* a month, and desire order for 4 guns for it. Have also sent an express to Mr. White at Dover for his boat.	45
,, ,,	Chas. Taylor, *Hunger Road.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has 42 men at work on the Nantwich, to hasten her dispatch and the shipping of her guns, which are at Milford waiting for a wind.	46
,, ,,	Chris. Pett, *Woolwich.*	,,	Is in hand with the President and Guinea; is short of hands, as most of the labourers are getting the provisions and guns on board the ships afloat. Wants timber; has sent up the purveyor for orders to provide 60 loads.	47
,, ,,	Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Wants an order from the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners, for payment of his salary of 18*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* The Tredagh has left Stokes' Bay, and the Sorlings will be out of harbour to-morrow. The Mayflower is ready but wants men.	48
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Sorlings, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is repaired and stored, and if his life had been at stake, could not have done more to get the ship to sea, as he wants men. Capt. Young has sailed for Spithead; hopes to be there to-morrow.	49
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The Tredagh has sailed. The Mary flyboat has some of her provisions, but room has to be made for the rest. The Mayflower is victualling, but men are wanting; recommends Mich. Whitly as boatswain, Geo. Wootton as gunner, Edm. Harris as carpenter, and Matthew Wootton as cook. The Sorlings will go out to-morrow, if men are procured; she has 60, but only 10 or 15 have appeared, notwithstanding the diligence of the officers.	50
,, ,,	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Has ordered his lieutenant to take the ship to Portsmouth to clean and revictual, and then return to the Downs; will come to London, having left Capt. Bourne in charge.	51

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1655. May 10	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	[Robt. Blackborne.]	Particulars of ships	Vol. 108. 52
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Lizard frigate.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in from Ireland as ordered, and desires instructions. Noted that the captain's wages are to be stopped, and the men to be turned over to another ship and then paid, and the officers paid off, and a survey made of the ship.	53
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	"	Capt. Saunders has gone for Plymouth with between 40 and 60 sail, bound to Poole, Weymouth, Dartmouth, and Plymouth, some of which had lain 6 weeks for a convoy. The Essex, having 65 men entered, and most of her provisions on board, is ready to sail. Particulars of ships.	54
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	"	Petition for extra allowance for building the Selby and Colchester frigates larger than was agreed to in the contract, having saved the State 10*s.* in the ton. With certificate by Rich. Stokes as to the contract, and reference thereon to the Navy Commissioners.	55, 56
" "	Capt. Philip Gethings, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Having put two ships on shore in Barfleur Bay, received orders from Vice-Adm. Lawson to repair to the Downs; on the way, in company with the Tiger and Drake, took a French vessel with freestone, iron, and copper, and has delivered her to the prize officers at Portsmouth. Desires leave of absence to come to London.	57
" "	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for a maincourse for the Swiftsure to be put on board one of the 8 ships bound westward; also for providing 8 shallops in quarters with furniture for Gen. Penn's squadron, according to his request, enclosed, for 20 shallops.	58, 59
" "	" "	"	Order for Capt. Alderne to provide 6,000 iron hoops for Gen. Penn's fleet, and send them by the 8 ships bound westward.	60
" "	" "	"	Order, on a letter enclosed of Capt. Thos. Bunn of the Welcome,—desiring that Mr. Pett, at Woolwich, may build him a boat, to be carried in pieces in the hold,—for its building.	61, 62
" 11	" "	"	Order for the speedy victualling and dispatch of the victualling ships in the river bound for Gen. Penn's fleet; one of the Navy Commissioners to go down the river every 48 hours, to quicken all hands.	63
" "	Nath. Browne, *Woodbridge.*	Major-Gen. Jno. Desborow.	Asks employment, having served the State at sea 5 years	64
" "	Capt. H. Maddison, *Gift, Woolwich.*	Col. Clarke	Has rigged his ship, and is getting the guns and provisions on board. Wants 10 more men	65
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Navy office.*	Adm. Com.	Has taken an account of the stowage of several ships, and conferred with Capt. Alderne, and will make report.	66
" "	Major Robt. Sedgwick.	"	The St. John the Baptist, taken prize through hoisting Dantzic colours, was proved to be a Dutchman, and so adjudged by a Council of War, although laden with French goods; has never seen any writings showing that she belonged to Arnold Beake.	67

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. May 11	John Alderson -	—	Examination as to embezzlements of gunpowder and other stores by the gunners of the Adventure, Diamond, and Assurance, through Dunning and White, hoymen; 27 March. With note, 11 May, that Kempe, an agent for the State to seek out such frauds, took a bribe of 30*l.* from Dunning for a cable of the State's.	Vol. 108. 68
" "	Rich. Paxford, *Rochester.*	—	Suggestions for preventing the embezzlement by the owners of hoys and others, of ships' stores, some of which were found upon them by Mr. Hill, searcher of Rochester.	69
" "	Mat. Kemp and Jas. Nuttall.	—	Examination before Major Jno. Desborow and Col. Jno. Clark. As searchers for embezzled goods, they seized a cable belonging to the State out of Mr. Dunning's hoy, and disposed of it for 30*l.*; also a quantity of shot and powder in Ben. Symonds' hoy, which was also sold for 15*l.*, and the proceeds divided between them.	70
" "	Ben. Symonds. -	—	Examination relative to the said goods - - - - - - - -	71
" 12	Rich. Bradshaw, *Hamburg.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has purchased 24 large masts by order of Sec. Thurloe, and shipped them in the David of Newcastle; hopes they will arrive safe, as they are the largest that can be obtained. Desires a speedy dispatch of the ship, and that Geo. Swaddel, the master, may be freed from Customs or other charges.	72, 73
" "	Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	"	Is enlarging the bread room in the Mary flyboat, and she may receive 1,000 cwt. of bread, besides other provisions. The Preston and Fairfax have come for repairs.	74
" "	Capt. Ga. Saunders, *Tiger, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Will deliver the ship he has taken to the Prize Goods' Officers. Has had some of her men examined before the mayor, and sent up their examinations and her bills of lading; doubts not but she will prove to be prize, as her goods came from Rouen, and belong to French merchants; if condemned, desires a portion for himself and Capt. Algate. The Drake has sailed; will follow himself this evening, as several ships are expected at Newhaven from Canada and other parts; hopes to give an account of some of them before they get there.	75
" "	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Downs.*	"	Opened their packet in the absence of the Vice-Admiral, and gave directions for the sailing of the Portsmouth.	76
" "	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to pay the wages due to Paul Seamer, late boatswain of the Portsmouth, deducting 40*s.* received for some old junk sold by him.	77
" 14	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Will turn over the men of the Lizard into the Mary flyboat and others, and if the bread arrives, she will soon be ready to sail. Could not write to Mr. Creed, as his ague has returned.	78
" "	Capt. Anth. Young, *Tredagh, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Having procured 160 men, plyed towards Cape la Hogue, and met some Dutch ships laden with salt, bound homewards, as they alleged, but thinks they were for Newhaven; chased a Frenchman 3 hours, but he got into harbour. Met a fishing boat of Dieppe; the master reported that the salt ships had not come home, and that there were 5 lusty merchant ships fitting out at Dieppe, but none of the King's ships were there. Will endeavour to get the rest of his men, and then wait in the Downs for commands.	79

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1655. May 14	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Send part of a letter from Gen. Penn as to extraordinary expense of carpenters' and other stores in fitting out prizes for transportation of men, &c.; think he requires supplies; if any additions are to be sent, they should give the orders. The Seahorse hoy has been sold for 90*l.* and the Orange Tree for 162*l.*	Vol. 108. 80, 81
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	„	Supposes Capt. Alderne will remove the obstruction to the sailing of the 8 ships appointed for the Western expedition, by supplying such provisions as must be sent on board before any rooms can be fitted to receive bread, or stow their own provisions.	82
„ „	Capt. N. Heaton, *Saphire, Catwater.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Having been 4 months off the ground, has come in to refit and victual. While plying before Brest, saw the Star frigate come out, and gave chase, but lost her; hopes she will not get into Brest again. Particulars of ships. Wants 3 or 4 press warrants.	83
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	The Lizard has come in; will turn over her 62 men, and have her surveyed. The Mary flyboat, Mayflower, and Sorlings are ready to sail, but want men; the Preston waits to be docked.	84
„ „	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Downs.*	Col. Clerke	Mr. Pointer, late clerk of the check in the Resolution, is hardly fit for the Lyme; if the steward can give security, he might be continued, and Mr. Chillingworth borne upon the Essex.	85
„ „	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	The bailiffs for 1653 and 1654 having sent up their agent with the accounts for sick and wounded for that time, begs his quick dispatch and charges.	86
„ „	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Constant Warwick, Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	While plying on his station near the Start, his mainmast fell overboard; has come in for another.	87
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	To like effect. Has been plying about Cape Barfleur and the Start, by order of the Vice-Admiral; 80 sail of Frenchmen have gone out of this Channel, passing near our own coast.	88
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor.	[Navy Comrs.]	If the additions to the Selby were occasioned by their own instrument, they cannot but think the whole amount is due, and report accordingly; but if otherwise, must lose all. The Colchester is also 3 feet longer and broader; paid Edgar 41*l.* for the enlargement. As to that built in the river, they know what is saved by it, by transporting men and provisions to the place of building; it cost him 7*l.* to try and get her built at St. Trose's in Essex; bought timber there, part of which lies there still at his great loss, and the rest cost him 10*s.* a load to bring to London.	89
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Think that Capt. Taylor is excluded by his contract from extra allowance for building the Colchester, but as the excess in the dimensions of the Selby was through a mistake of the State's own instrument, he ought to have allowance.	90
„ „	Rich. Vinson, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Arrival and departure of ships - - - - - - - - -	91

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1655. May 14	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Pendennis.*	Col. Jno. Clerke.	Has inspected the masts, and agreed to have them carried to Plymouth for 10*l.*; had a conference with Mr. Carew at St. Mawes; he still thinks the Lord will do great things speedily. Is going to St. Ives, and then back to Plymouth. Is assailed by a poor woman for 5*l.* lost by her husband, who in ignorance bought powder sold from the Saphire, which was reclaimed. Begs relief for her.	Vol. 108. 92, 93
„ 15	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	The Tredagh has arrived in the Downs, and her commander gone on shore. All the other ships are riding in the Roads.	94
„ „	„ „	Robt. Blackborne.	To like effect. Sends a packet to the Commissioners, and other letters to be forwarded - -	95
„ „	Officers and men of the *Satisfaction, Liverpool.*	Navy Com^{rs}	To the same effect as that of 3 May, but most of the signatures are different - - -	96
„ „	Philip Weedon, *Liverpool.*	„	Was purser of the Satisfaction, but reduced to steward, and on going to Liverpool to take charge, found such things were being carried on between the clerk of the check and the victualler, that he declined to act with them, yet remained on board, checked the expenditure, and was borne upon the books. Asks whether he or the clerk has to attend to the victualling. As to the bad victualling, some of the officers will make it appear that it was far worse than shown in their first complaint.	97
„ „	Capt. Mich. Nutton, *Satisfaction, Liverpool.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has received instructions for the clerk of the check to supply the place of steward; hopes the provisions to be furnished will prove better than the last, both in quantity and quality.	98
„ „	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Sorlings, Spithead.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has sailed for Cowes to get men, having only 67 entered, and not 20 able men amongst them. Those entered from the Mayflower have been paid off. Sent his master's mate to Poole to press more, but he only obtained 8, and 4 of those have not appeared, although they received their money; has ordered the mayor to arrest them.	99
„ „	John Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	„	Sends note of repairs of the Seaventure, total 10*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* The Lizard will cost 60*l.* to repair -	100, 101
„ „	Capt. N. Heaton, *Saphire, Catwater.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is fitting out; asks warrants for Edm. King, his carpenter, and John Ottee, his cook, who have served long and faithfully; also some press warrants.	102
„ „	Capt. Robt. Colman, *the Wexford, Dawpool, Chester Water.*	Adm. Com.	Could not return to Dublin for want of provisions and cables, but is procuring them, and will proceed.	103
„ 16	Alex. Frethy, *Advice, Harwich.*	„	Has been ready to sail 5 days, but forced back by contrary winds. Will sail to the Downs -	104

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1655. May 16	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Has daily inspected the work in the ships appointed for the West, which is progressing, and conferred with Capt. Alderne, who promises to dispatch them shortly; but as they will want men, desires order to see them to the Hope to get some.	Vol. 108. 105
" "	Robt. Grassingham, Robt. Dunn, Jno. Browne.	Navy Comrs	Hearing that some barrels of pitch and tar had been embezzled from the Advice, went on board, examined the carpenter, and found that 2 barrels of tar had been hoisted on board the hulk, and not returned.	106
" "	Capt. Rich. Ducie, *Nicodemus, Milford Haven.*	"	Having been out 15 months, wants all manner of stores, an anchor, cable, sails, and rigging; as there is no one at Milford as formerly to supply them, desires order. The ship is ancient and leaky, and not fit to stay out another winter.	107
" "	Edw. Cooke. -	Col. Kelsey.	Recommends a woman whose maiden name was Cooke, and who seeks the release of her imprisoned husband.	108
" 17	Hen. Mines and Jacob Leyes, of *Roscoe, Brittany,* mariners of the *Patience of Amsterdam,* and of Theodore Derrick, master.	Navy Comrs	Deposition before John Page, Mayor of Plymouth, as to the capture of the Patience, laden with linen goods from Dunkirk, by the St. Andrew of Lanyon, a French man-of-war, commanded by Jacob de Roux, and sailing under a commission of Monsr. de Milleray, Vice-Admiral of France, for the capture of Spanish ships and goods. Also deposition that she was purchased by Hendrick Chice and Jacob Utenhoven of a skipper of Rotterdam for 2,400 guilders, and laden by them and others with piece goods for the Canary Islands, but was taken by the French man-of-war, and subsequently taken by the Nightingale, commanded by Capt. Vessey, and brought into Plymouth.	109
" "	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Nightingale, Sound.*	Adm. Com.	They will have heard of his coming in with a prize. Is ordered to convoy an East Indiaman with other vessels to the Downs.	110
" "	Nich. Foster. -	"	Desires continuance in his employment, as he has never been guilty of cowardice, treachery, or neglect of duty; or a certificate for honorable conduct.	111
" "	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Downs.*	"	Particulars of ships. Will send a weekly account of them, as requested - - - -	112
" 18	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Send a letter from the master of the ship who brought the masts from Mr. Bradshaw, at Hamburg, desiring their speedy unloading; beg orders.	Vol. 109. 1
" "	Capt. Gabriel Saunders, Nich. Mathew.	"	Certificate that Hermanns Goris, a merchant on board the Hare in the Field, taken by Capt. Saunders coming from Newhaven, claimed all the goods, and alleged that he had a 2,000*l.* adventure therein, and that the captain alleged he had no bills of lading, nor any other papers, and that the goods belonged to Dutch and French merchants.	2

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1655. May 18	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The Primrose has taken in her provisions, and will want room to stow Lord Henry's trunks, unless they have order to use the sea victuals as soon as she gets into the Hope. Is coming to London with Mr. Hill, whose illness has delayed the examination of the persons accused of embezzling stores.	Vol. 109. 3
„ „	Capt. Jno. Sherwin, *Primrose, Gillingham.*	Adm. Com.	Wishes to begin using sea victuals, having sufficient for 4 instead of 3 months, and little room to stow his lordship's goods.	4
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Arrived home from his western journey last night; is glad the preparations for supply of Gen. Penn's fleet are going on. Wrote Capt. Alderne of some biscuit for sale at Plymouth at 8*s.* and 8*s.* 6*d.* per cwt., and if the victuallers' agent is put on to it, he will settle about the freight. Particulars of ships; the Nightingale has gone as convoy to the East India ships.	5
„ „	Capt. Edw. Bellamy, *London.*	„	His steward neglecting his duties, the clerk of the check acted, and took up more provisions and money than the warrants amounted to; if the clerk will pay what the account here is debtor for, will pay what it is creditor for at Gravesend.	6
„ „	Capt. H. Maddison, *Gift, Woolwich.*	Col. Clerke	Has received his provisions and stores, which are more than ordinary, and will sail on Monday if he can get men.	7
„ „	Capt. Mic. Nutton, *Satisfaction, Liverpool Water.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a letter from Sam. Windis, refusing to supply him with more victuals until reparation is made by him and his ship's company for insulting him and his wife; supposes he was either frantic or drunk when he wrote it. Has been ready to sail several days, but Windis will not send the provisions. The victuals supplied at Liverpool the last voyage were both defective and short; had to send his clerk on shore at Inverlochy to buy of the soldiers. He and his company have been examined by the Governor of Liverpool concerning his abuses, and the result will be sent up. Will observe their instructions.	8, 9
„ 19	Adm. Com., *Whitehall.*	Navy Comrs	To give order for unloading 24 masts, sent from Hamburg by Rich. Bradshaw, in the David of Newcastle.	10
„ „	„ „	„	Order to make out a bill to Major Robt. Sedgwick for his salary, while employed in New England against the French, at the rate of 15*s.* per day.	11
„ „	„ „	„	Order to supply a quantity of flints, tar, boat oars, and other stores mentioned for Gen. Penn's fleet, and ship them on board the vessels bound westward.	12
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Robt. Blackborne.	Send a letter of Commissioner Peter Pett, complaining of the absence of the clerk of the check of the Primrose; desire he will inform the Admiralty Commissioners.	13, 14
„ „	Col. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	„	Begs to be excused for not taking leave before quitting London. Capt. Saunders of the Tiger has brought in a Dutch hoy, with oil and French goods; hopes the linen ship will also be proved a prize. Wishes the Portsmouth shallop was appointed to a nearer station, where she could do more service at less hazard. Has given the Commissioners an account of the timber in Carisbrook Park.	15

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1655. May 19	Comr. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	As the clerks of the Mayflower and Mary flyboat require money for the sick and wounded, asks the Commissioners' resolution thereon. Wants surgeon's stores for the Mary, some tickets, and 3,000 or 4,000 yards of stuff for making and mending colours; also an order for payment of the 15 months' arrears of the Preston. Encloses account of disbursements in fitting out the Sea-Adventure, and a list of 6 owners of 9 shallops taken up for the service.	Vol 109. 16
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	The Tiger has come in with a Flemish hoy, containing 60 pipes of oil and French goods. Has supplied the Mary flyboat and Mayflower with men out of the Lizard, and they with the Portsmouth will sail with the first wind, but the Lizard will not be able to encounter the Brest pirates, and would do more service nearer home; she is more fit for a merchantman than a man-of-war although only built 3 years. There are 300 trees to be had in Carisbrook Park, of which Lieut.-Col. Joyce will give an account. Will haul the Preston and Fairfax on shore the next tide. Has appointed Augustine Country, late midshipman of the Fairfax, gunner in the Mayflower.	17
„ „	Thomas Shewell, *Bristol.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The guns have arrived, and when mounted the Nantwich will be ready to sail, but as the carriages are too low, asks an order for making new trucks.	18
„ „	Capt. Jno. Geffery, *Nantwich, Hunger Road.*	Adm. Com.	Having received his guns and gunner's stores, can sail next week - - - - -	19
„ „	W. Barbour, *Navy Office, Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Will begin surveying the trees in the several parks next week; begs delivery of an enclosure to Mr. Treherne.	20
„ „	John Palmer, *Gatehouse.*	„	His wife this morning delivered a petition for his release to his Highness, who sent Mr. Harvey with her to Mr. Malyn, to see the cause of commitment; Malyn promises his discharge on an order from the Admiralty Commissioners; begs his influence to obtain it, being in much misery.	21
„ „	Capt. Ga. Saunders, *Tiger, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Took a galliot hoy, laden with oil, shumack, sugar, tobacco, &c., bound for Rouen, and has delivered her to the Prize Officers, with directions to search for the remainder of her papers which are hid. Sends the examination of the master, and some of her bills of lading, &c.; also the account of the skipper of the Hare in the Field; is confident all her goods will prove to be French. With examinations of Ryer Cornelison, captain of the Orange Tree of Enchuisen, 16 and 18 May, that he was freighted at Amsterdam with oil, wine, flour, sugar, tobacco, and fruit, for Nantes, Port-a-Port, and Rouen, and that the goods are French; he thought the State's ship that took him was a Turkish man-of-war, and fired 4 shots before he struck.	22–24
„ „	Capt. John Parker, *Truelove, King's Road, Bristol.*	„	Will have his guns on board to-day, but has orders from Vice-Adm. Lawson to wait 14 days for a vessel laden with shot on the public account, and to convoy her to the Downs.	25

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1655. May 19	Capt. Peter Bowen, *Mayflower, Portsmouth Harbour.*	Adm. Com.	As to the 22 barrels of powder, is ashamed that the gunner and clerk overreached him in getting him to sign the account, and they were not less cunning to alter the figures after he signed it; begs forgiveness. Has had a 35 months' voyage, but only served 29 himself, so cannot say what was expended before his time. Is ready to sail, but wants more men, though 13 have been turned over from the Lizard. Augustine Country has been appointed gunner.	Vol. 109. 26
„ 20	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *the Bristol, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Having been at sea 9 months, has only 8 days' provisions, and Capt. Bourne cannot supply any without order, which he requests.	27
„ „	Capt. Robt. Claye, *Bryer, Dartmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a packet and letter. Received a packet for them from Gen. Penn out of one of 3 ships from Barbadoes, which he sent on shore at Dartmouth.	28
„ „	Capt. Jno. Sherwin, *Primrose, Hope.*	„	Intends waiting upon them. Hopes they received his letter from Gillingham of the 18th - -	29
„ 21	John Silke and 3 others.	—	Contract for 2,000 snaphance muskets, to be delivered into the stores, Tower proof, at 10*s.* each, ready money. With account of unserviceable stores purchased by Silke out of the Ordnance Office, amounting to 235*l.* 9*s.* 0$\frac{3}{4}$*d.*, which he will pay to Major Jno. Miller on 25 Mar. 1656.	30, 31
„ „	Capt. John Bourne, *the Lyme, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	The Nightingale has arrived from Plymouth as convoy to an East India ship; as she is to return to her station, will use her to convoy some vessels bound for France. Wm. Arrat, master of an English ship, reports that coming through the Straits, he heard from the General of Ostend and Dunkirk, that Gen. Blake and his fleet had burnt 9 men-of-war belonging to Tripoli in Port Ferine, with the loss of some men, and that he has since sailed for Algiers.	32
„ „	„ „	„	The Endeavour ketch has arrived, and waits orders - - - - - - -	33
„ „	Lieut. Jno. Major, *Endeavour, Downs.*	„	Finds the Lyme and 4 others in the Downs; cannot get orders as to sailing from Capt. Bourne -	34
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	The Constant Warwick lost her mainmast in a gale; when refitted, will send her to fetch the Amity of Southampton, chased into Port Lewis. Capt. Fenton chased the Star frigate two days, but being foul and out of provisions, could not follow her up. Knows of a frigate of 4 guns, the Ruth of Plymouth, fit to attend Gen. Blake's fleet. The Nightingale has brought in an Amsterdamer, laden at Dunkirk for the Canaries. She had been taken by a French man-of-war, who broke open many rich trunks and carried away the contents, but she still has many things of value in the hold, which the sub-commissioners have sealed up. There is also a Spanish merchant on board.	35
„ „	John Packwood, *Woolwich.*	„	Shipped 5 of the 10 tons of flints in the Welcome bound westward, and will defer shipping the remainder. Put 7 tons in the Paul for ballast.	36
„ „	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^rs	Sends a bill on the navy victuallers for 100*l.* for fitting out ships, and will send an account on quarter-day. Received 150*l.* of the Navy Commissioners by bill, and 156*l.* by sale of the Seahorse and Orange Tree, and has expended 226*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.* which, with the bill enclosed for 100*l.* makes 326*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.*	37

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1655. May 21	Capt. Jno. Taylor.	Navy Com^{rs}	Wants masts and spruce deals. Hears that they are using some of the New England masts at Deptford, which ought to be husbanded, and that they have others high and dry, whereas the keeping them in the water until required preserves them from becoming crusty and short.	Vol. 109. 38
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Hopewell pink and a Dover privateer have come in with a Brest man-of-war, who threw 6 of her guns overboard in the chase; also a Flemish ship from Virginia with tobacco, taken by the said Brest ship, which can be made useful for the service for 60*l.*, and the captain and men of the Hopewell could be turned into her. A ship at Southampton and 5 at Poole desire the Mayflower for a convoy.	39
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^{rs}	To like effect. Asks whether he is to go to Dean Forest. The man-of-war taken could be fitted out at little charge, and be useful in the Channel. Sends a survey of beer left in the Mary flyboat.	40
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of the stowage room in the 8 ships bound westward to the fleet. Departure of ships -	41
„ „	Capt. Thos. Bunn, *London.*	„	Recommends Roger Granger, late master of the Providence, for employment - - -	42
„ 22	Capt. Anth. Young, *Tredagh, Downs.*	Col. Clerke.	Recommends his brother Joseph, lieutenant of the Advice, for the command of a small ship, he has been in the wars against the late King, as also the Dutch.	43
„ „	Major Rich. Elton, *Hull.*	Adm. Com.	Will enquire after Capt. Whitehorn, of the Gainsborough frigate, and deliver their orders -	44
„ „	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Constant Warwick.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has had his mainmast refitted, and is going to Port Lewis by order of Capt. Hatsell, to fetch a ship chased in there by a Brest man-of-war.	45
„ „	Capt. N. Heaton, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Lost his mainmast through the badness of the tree. Cannot object to his late gunner's account, but believes the guns specified were fired, and the clerk of the check cannot find any errors. The Nightingale has convoyed the Welcome to the Downs. Is cleaning and victualling.	46
„ „	Major Robt. Thomson.	Gen. Jno. Desborow.	Is loth to appear importunate in what concerns himself, but hopes an order for what he solicited to day, otherwise he is enjoined not to go his journey to-morrow.	47
„ „	Nath. Browne, *Woodbridge.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is sorry to hear that Capt. Parke, of the President, has been accused of unworthy acts; but if the informers are those he thinks they are, has no fear for such a plain, honest, and godly man; they would abuse and belie the General himself.	48
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has been to Cornwall on the State's business, and viewed some masts at Falmouth, which he has had brought to Plymouth. Particulars of ships. Sends an account of disbursements in refitting the Great Charity and some frigates, for 763*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.*, which he has charged by bill on the Treasurer. Begs it may be speedily paid, or the service will be too burdensome for him to undergo.	49

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1655. May 22	Capt. Mic. Nutton, *Satisfaction, Liverpool Water.*	Robt. Blackborne.	His ship has been ready several days, and he and his company are on board. The delay has arisen from Windis, the victualling agent, declining to send the victuals without an order, which he has now received, and will hasten them on board. With account of what has been received.	Vol. 109. 50, 50*a*
" "	Philip Weedon, steward, *Satisfaction, Liverpool Water.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Account of provisions received. Is appointed in place of Stephen Skewes, clerk of the check, who formerly acted as steward, on account of his great abuse of his trust, and Skewes and the victualler now seek to put him out again. Asks an order to continue, or leave to come up to defend himself. Received 14 days' provisions from the garrison at Inverlochy, by order of Gen. Monk, the former victualling being both defective and short.	51
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order for payment of the company of the Preston, with the rest of the winter guard, on their arrival at Spithead.	52
" 23	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a letter brought by a ship from Malaga Road, which he received while surveying the ships in the river. The weather being rough and wind contrary, neither the Marmaduke at Deptford, nor the Welcome and Paul at Woolwich could sail; will hasten the provisions and stores on board, and send them away. Particulars of their stowage room.	53
" "	Capt. Jno. Parker, *Truelove, King's Road, Bristol.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has come in to convoy the guns for the new frigate. Another clerk of the check has been appointed in place of Mr. Knowles, who is troubled by them about the money he received for sick and wounded men; he handed it to the surgeon before the ship came out, and it has been laid out in necessaries for the men.	54
" "	Capt. Thos. Bunn, *Woolwich.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has been prevented sailing to the Hope by extremity of weather. The Marmaduke ventured to go downwards, and is safe in the Gallions, a mile below Woolwich.	55
" 24	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *the Yarmouth, Tynemouth Bar.*	Adm. Com.	Met Capt. Whitehorn in Burlington Bay, and as ordered, told him to go to Leith to re-victual; will do so himself when his provisions are expended.	56
" "	Major N. Bourne, *Deptford.*	"	Reasons why the chests of arms, match, bread, and other stores for the fleet should be stowed in the ships freighted by Capt. Alderne. Is going down to the Hope, and will give directions accordingly. The Marmaduke sailed yesterday, and the Welcome will follow. The new shallops, with their rigging and stores, would fill a little ship, and will cause much trouble how to bestow them. Has shipped the lead and shot from the Tower.	57
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order that the victuallers provide 4 or 5 months' victuals at Barnstaple for 40 men of the Truelove, appointed to be a guard in the Severn.	58
" "	John Packwood, *Woolwich.*	"	Has shipped the remainder of the flints and other stores in the Paul and Welcome, which have sailed for Gravesend.	59

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1655. May 24	Capt. Thos. Sparling, *Assistance*, *Catwater.*	Adm. Com.	Met a fleet of Hollanders off the Lizard, and in endeavouring to salute according to custom, came into collision with one of them, who lost her fore and topmast, and most of her rigging; lost his own spritsail yard, with the sail and rigging, and damaged her head. Put into Falmouth for sails, but found none, so sailed for his station; but on account of the damage, and the severity of the weather, has been forced in again to secure his masts.	Vol. 109. 60
" "	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded, *Little Britain.*	"	Have examined the bailiffs of Yarmouth's accounts, for 445 sick and wounded received there and at Lowestoft, between 3 Aug. 1653, and 6 Feb. 1654–5, total expense, 2,851*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*	61
" 25	Capt. Mich. Nutton, *Satisfaction*, *Liverpool Water.*	"	Sends a complaint, signed, of the defective state of the provisions and beverage put on board the last voyage, and of the insolence of the victualler's agent; intended it for the Governor of Liverpool Castle, who took their examinations, but it was left behind; also an account of provisions received by Stephen Skewes, clerk of the check, for 100 men for 5 months, between 18 and 25 May. Has not received all, but has not refused any which came to the ship, and used all endeavours to hasten away.	62–65
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	"	Desires that any biscuit intended for Gen. Penn's fleet may be supplied by the victuallers, whom he will direct therein. Particulars of vessels. A ship of Topsham has arrived from Barbadoes, and reports that Gen. Penn sailed thence on 6 April, and that it was declared the next Lord's Day, in their several congregations, on orders left by General Venables, that the fleet was gone to Hispaniola.	66
" "	Capt. Wm. Godfrey, *Marmaduke*, *Tilbury Hope.*	"	Will soon be ready for ballast and provisions. The men allowed are not sufficient, there being so many officers' servants allowed. The ship draws the same depth of water as a 2nd-rate, but is rigged as a 3rd-rate, so that the few hands will not be able to rule her at sea. The master being incompetent and negligent, wants appointment of another. Their prisoner, Mr. Symonds, is in safe custody on board.	67
" 26	Major N. Bourne -	"	Received their order stopping his journey to the Hope; conferred with Capt. Alderne, and went down the river to see to the stowage of the arms and provisions, and dispatch of the ships. All have sailed to the Hope except the Wildman and Marmaduke. Has put 20 chests of arms in the latter, and will distribute the other 20 chests between them, and hasten the bread, &c., on board.	68
" "	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to Jno. Hawker, late gunner of the Saphire, deducting 20*l.* for the powder he embezzled.	69
" "	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	Delivered their orders to Captains Geffery and Parker, and has shipped 86 tons of shot on board the Salem. The guns on board the Nantwich are useless without other trucks.	70
" "	Capt. Jno. Geffery, *Nantwich*, *Hunger Road.*	"	Will sail with his convoy the first opportunity; as the anchors sent are too small, desires an order to exchange them, as also the carriages.	71

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1655. May 26	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm.Com.	Sends names of the officers of the Hopewell pink, which wants a clerk of the check and steward. Has given order for fitting out the Brest man-of-war taken by the Hopewell, and when she returns, will turn over her officers and men. Will order Capt. Bowen to convoy the vessels to Morlaix. Particulars of ships which have been much delayed by the bad weather.	Vol. 109. 72, 73
" "	Capt. Phil. Gethings, *the Preston.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Wants an order to the Sub-Commissioners for Prize Goods to pay him and his company 16*l.* for the salvage of the ketch and goods he took.	74
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	To like effect. Has had his ship tallowed, and will take in the ballast and provisions. There are great complaints of the wrongs done by Brest men-of-war to the westward; will use all means to get out, and wants one of the small frigates to go with him.	75
" "	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *Greyhound, Beaumaris.*	"	Complains of the bad condition and wants of his ship. Having been out 18 months, desires to come in to be refitted. Came from Dublin yesterday with Col. Hewson, and is to wait at Beaumaris for Lord Henry [Cromwell]. Sent a ship into Dublin belonging to Ayr, bound for Rochelle with sugar and Scotch cloth; she had no cockets from any custom house for her clearing, and has several French and Scotch masters.	76
" "	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *the Bristol, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Will hasten to Portsmouth to clean and revictual; thanks for leave to come to London - -	77
" "	" "	—	Certificate of the fitness of Lieut. Thos. Milton for the command of a small frigate; he served 6 years in the Lyme and Bristol.	78
" 27	Capt. Jno. Major, *Endeavour, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Is ordered for Plymouth; if he is to be sent to the Straits, wants another mate, as the one he has is not acquainted with those parts, and will not go if he can get on shore.	79
" "	" "	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for good advice and favours; proffers service - - - - - -	80
" 28	Rob. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends a letter by order of the Admiralty Commissioners; asks their opinion whether the resident at Hamburg should proceed in buying masts, and if so, what quantity.	81
" "	Thos. Smith, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The carpenters of the Church and the Hope, bound to Gen. Penn's fleet, want a press warrant for more of their crew.	82
" "	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	"	Desires he will present a petition from several merchants and traders, that Capt. Parker may convoy their vessels to Waterford, Cork, and Kinsale, as there have been several losses lately by Brest pirates, which discourages men to adventure, and the customs paid by Irish traders is very considerable.	83
" "	Capt. Lambert Cornelius, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will sail for Weymouth, take in the money for the garrison at Guernsey, and on his return, remove into the Cornelian. When he took this frigate, he found 13 hds. of tobacco, which he desires may be sold, and the money distributed amongst the seamen for their encouragement, as he did not suffer them to take anything out of the Virginia man-of-war.	84
" "	Capt. Robt. Fenn -	—	Certificate that the gunner of the Wildman has been very negligent in his duty since he joined the ship at Deptford, and has not been on board 5 times, nor stayed more than 1 hour.	85

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1655. May 28	Officers and Company of the *Satisfaction.*	Navy Com^rs	Send copy of their complaints of the provisions supplied by Saml. Windis, the victualler's agent, and of his and his man's abuse when spoken to. Gave a copy to the Governor of Liverpool, who took their depositions, and promised to send them to Whitehall; but through forgetfulness of his clerk, or a bribe of 20*s.* paid by their adversary, they were left behind.	Vol. 109. 86, 87
" "	Thos. Smith, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	His fellow Commissioners being absent, opened his letter with Mr. Bradshaw's of 12 May from Hamburg enclosed, stating that he has sent 24 masts to England in the David, and asking whether to send more, having 7 in hand, and others to be obtained. As there are so many masts in store, it is unnecessary to have more brought in; those sent over in the David of Newcastle have not yet been surveyed.	88, 89
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - - -	90
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs	The Starlings has only brought 20 of the 40 tons of hemp purchased; as a ropehouse has been erected, and men employed, they should have 20 tons more, and 10 or 12 lasts of tar. Has 8 or 10 tons of French hemp, which is more fit for the Ordnance Office, as their cordage lies dry. Mr. Newberry should take what he wants while it lasts. Can furnish Capt. Hatsell with the timber he requires. There are no proofs of embezzlement of cordage by the boatswain of the Pelican prize. If they deduct for what he is deficient, they may pay the remainder of his ticket.	91
" "	Jno. Royston, *the Lyme.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Could not deliver his letter to Vice-Adm. Lawson to enter him in the Fairfax, then gone to Portsmouth, until the return of the Truelove from the coast of Ireland. Applied to Capt. Bourne, who confirmed his request. Asks when the Truelove may be expected.	92
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	A ketch for the Adviser being supplied, will acquaint the owners of the frigate that there is no need of theirs. Has heard from Capt. Alderne respecting the biscuit and peas; will order the first frigate that comes in to convoy the merchants' vessels from Lyme, Exeter, Dartmouth, and other parts, bound to Morlaix, St. Malo, &c. For the better effecting this, desires that the Reserve may ply between the Lizard, Ushant, the Start, and Isle of Bass, and come in once a week. There are some Brest men-of-war between Dartmouth and the Isle of Wight. Hopes the Nightingale will hasten westward, there being but few frigates there, and their stations large.	93
" 29	Capt. Thos. Bunn, *London.*	"	Wants his men increased from 90 to 100, and two files of soldiers on board to expedite the manning. Can neither get officers nor men but by compulsion, and when gained, it is difficult to keep them without the help of soldiers.	94
" "	Capt. Mic. Nutton, *Satisfaction, Liverpool Water.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Went on shore and demanded the accounts of Mr. Windis the victualling agent; he asserts that he put 6 months' provisions on board for 100 men, and that the clerk of the check, who acts as steward, indented for them; will enquire further into it. Will put to sea with the first wind, to go to Inverlochy.	95

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1655. May 29	Capt. Robt. Claye, *Bryer*, *Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Came in for some beer left behind at his last victualling, as also for wood and water; will return to his station to-night, as ordered by Capt. Heaton.	Vol. 109. 96
„ „	Capt. Nich. Foster -	Col. Clarke	Wants the command of one of the ships bound for the West Indies, and for her commander to have his ship.	97
„ „	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded, *Little Britain.*	Adm. Com.	Ask an order to the Sub-Commissioners for Prize Goods at Plymouth, to send an account of the charge for quarters and house rent for sick and wounded men set on shore there, as also of all receipts and disbursements on that account.	98
„ „	Thos. Taylor of *Maidstone*, paper manufacturer, William Reade of *Newhead*, ropemaker, and Christ. Hill of *Greenwich*, waterman.	—	Depositions as to the embezzlement and disposal of cables, powder, shot, and brown paper, by Rich. Leake, gunner of the Pelican, and Ambrose Read of Stroud, fisherman.	99–101
„ 30	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough*, *Burlington Bay.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Came in for water to complete his victualling for 19 days, and dispatched a messenger to Hull for orders, which he will observe by plying upon the coast 8 or 9 days, so that on his arrival in Scotland, the Yarmouth may be ready to return.	102
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of the stowage room in the Mary flyboat. Delivered the packet for Ireland to Capt. Bowen, who will sail to-morrow. The Portsmouth has gone westward, and the Sorlings to sea. The Dunkirk man-of-war brought in by Capt. Gethings is a poor vessel of 8 tons; the Deptford shallop will make a better warrior by half; all the good such vessels have done hitherto is to lie in holes out of sight, but can have her fitted for about 30*l.* or 40*l.*	103
„ „	Capt. Phil. Gethings, *the Preston.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Will have the depositions taken on oath before the magistrate of Portsmouth, and send them. The sub-commissioners want an order from the Commissioners for Prize Goods at London before they deliver him his salvage. Will draw up a writing concerning the Hopewell, which will set Robinson in his right colours. Has most of his provisions on board.	104
„ 31	„ „	Comrs. of Customs.	Petition for relief. Has searched the Exchequer records, and is informed that the writs of delivery for the Mary and Hopewell and their lading, in which none of the officers of Ipswich have any claim, have been procured out of term, or the court would not have granted them. Also letters of license have been taken out for compounding, one of which is in Robinson's name, whereby petitioner is deprived of the benefit he would have had by his seizures.	105
„ „	Capt. Saml. Higginson, *Portsmouth.*	„	Is ordered to take in bread and other provisions coming from London, and to sail for the Downs; but fears he cannot stow them all, as the hold is already taken up with extraordinary stores. Hopes to sail by 1 of June.	106

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1655. May 31	Navy Comrs., *Navy Office.*	Adm. Com.	Send breviat of all bills signed by the Navy Commissioners from 1 Dec. 1654 to 28 May 1655	Vol. 109. 107
” ”	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *the Yarmouth, Leith Road.*	”	Will take in his provisions and return to his station. Spoke Capt. Whitehorn in Burlington Bay	108
” ”	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Nightingale, Downs.*	Comrs. of Customs.	Chased a Brest man-of-war of 14 guns and 120 men, but she ran amongst the rocks and escaped; next day, chased two more standing for Brest, which proved to be the same, with a prize, she had taken. Captured the prize with the lieutenant of the man-of-war and 9 of her men on board, but found she had been miserably plundered, having been richly laden by Spanish merchants at Dunkirk. Brought her into Plymouth, and then convoyed an East Indiaman to the Downs. Asks to go to Portsmouth to wash, tallow, victual, and get a boat and some guns, having had one split and other damaged in the last fight with the French men-of-war.	109
” ”	Thos. Rolfe	Adm. Com.	Petition for a renewal of his warrant as clerk of the check in the Providence. With certificates of Capts. Jno. Pearce, Thos. Bunn, and Phil. Holland in his favor, 3 Nov. 1653, and 20 March and 31 May 1654.	110–112
” ”	Michael Barker, *Aldgate, London.*	”	Petition for a cook's place in the Mary flyboat. With certificate of Wm. Garland and 9 others in his favour.	113, 114
” ”	Math. Lynde, surgeon of *the George.*	—	Account of medicines expended out of his chest since 22 Feb., also of the supplies made to Charles Le Maire, surgeon of the Kentish, and to Saml. Wood, surgeon of the Fame.	115–117
June 1	Col. Wm. Sydenham, *Whitehall.*	Navy Com^rs	Begs favour for Capt. Jno. Arthur, who has been at much pains and charge in pressing men, as Vice-Admiral, and merely desires the usual recompense.	Vol. 110. 1
” ”	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	”	As the masts, &c., sent are not fit for the frigate building, wants others, as also the compass timber, long since promised by Jonas Shish. As Kent will not supply the timber needed, can send up some merchants who can.	2
” 2	Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of the arrival, departure, and victualling of ships	3
” ”	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Nightingale, Plymouth Sound.*	”	Came in with 30 sail under convoy, and is ordered by Commissioner Hatsell to lie between Plymouth and the Land's End.	4
” ”	Adm. Com.	Jno. Pitt.	Order to bring on shore the money put on board the Fairfax, for Jno. Poortmans to pay the prize money due to the fleet, and deliver it to Mr. Child, agent to the Navy Treasurer at Portsmouth, who is to keep it until further order.	5
” ”	” ”	Master and warders of the Watermen's Company.	Order to impress 200 able seamen or watermen for such ships as the Navy Commissioners shall appoint, and supply them with press and conduct money, which is to be repaid by warrant from the Navy Commissioners.	6

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1655. June 2	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs	Order to distribute 160 of the 200 men to be supplied by the Watermen's Company in 4 merchant ships mentioned, and the remainder in the State's ships in the river designed for the Western expedition; also to see that the press and conduct money for the former is repaid to the State.	Vol. 110. 7
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	Order to examine the papers of Capt. Cubitt, claiming compensation for impressing men, and to make him all proper allowance.	8
,, ,,	,, ,,	Rich. Busby	Order to attend the Navy Commissioners about a pinnace in Mr. Parkins' yard at Redriff, alleged to belong to the State, but claimed by Abraham Mucker and others.	9
,, ,,	Jno. Errell, boatswain of the *Dover*.	—	Account of stores received from the boatswain of the Cardiff	10
,, ,,	Gen. Robt. Blake	—	Certificate that the Maidenhead, laden with provisions for the fleet, unloaded a portion thereof at Gibraltar, on the arrival of the fleet there on 24 May, and the remainder at Cadiz on 2 June, when they were cleared from the State's service.	11
,, 3	,, ,,	—	Like certificate for the Sea-Adventure	12
,, 4	John Major	—	Note of stores wanted for the Endeavour ketch	13–16
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Salisbury*.	Navy Comrs	Desires some person may go to Worcester House and note the number of the trees [in Claringdon Park] belonging to Mr. Cooper, as also of those sold to him by the Trustees at Worcester House, that they may be had for the service of the State. With report by Rich. Sydenham that Cooper bought 3,707 for 2,853*l.* 17*s.* 9*d.*, besides those marked for the Navy. 7 June 1652.	17, 18
,, ,,	,, ,,	Robt. Blackborne.	Has not found things as he wished, and there is an obstruction in the sale of the timber, the people fearing Mr. Cooper will hinder its removal or the digging of saw pits; desires orders.	19
,, ,,	Geo. Payler, *York*.	Navy Comrs	His absence is caused by necessity, a plea more valid than Magna Charta. Wanted to return with Major Thomson, but he was suddenly called southward.	20
,, ,,	Major Robt. Thomson, *York*.	,,	Has arrived at the end of his journey, and would have set forward again, but having to stay in two places, will wait on them next week.	21
,, ,,	Adm. Com.	,,	Order to make out a bill to Capt. John Bourne, at 20*s.* a day, as commander of the squadron bound for Newfoundland, and a like bill for the time he served in the Portsmouth.	22
,, 5	,, ,,	,,	Order to examine 4 bills sent, and consider what part ought to be allowed on account of the Navy	23
,, 6	,, ,,	,,	Order to receive an invoice from Capt. Alderne and the Tower officers, for all provisions put on board the ships designed for the Western expedition, and transmit an account to the Generals and commissioners in the West Indies.	24
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	Order for supplying the ships engaged for the Western expedition with what provisions they expend during their stay in the Downs, so that they may sail with a complete proportion.	25
,, ,,	Capt. Mark Harrison, *the Church, Downs.*	,,	Sailed from the Hope with the Welcome and 3 others. His ship is tight and in good order, but 6 of his guns are stowed up with provisions, and must so remain until he arrives in the country. None of the fleet have arrived in the Downs.	26

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1655. June 6	Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Asks what proportion of victuals is to be supplied to ships named. The Preston is paid off, and will sail to-morrow.	Vol. 110. 27
,, ,,	Capt. Gabriel Saunders, *Tiger.*	—	Examination of Rich. Maydley, the steward, on his complaint against Jno. Senior, clerk of the check, of breach of duty and embezzlement, which he admits he is unable to prove.	28
,, 8	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Have paid the mariners of the John Baptist out of the freight of her goods brought from New England; and having balanced the account, find 12*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* due to the State, which Major Sedgwick will pay to the Navy Treasurer.	29
,, ,,	,, -	,,	Ask orders as to the disposal of the Bristol and Nightingale, having received notice from Capt. Thorowgood, master attendant at Portsmouth, of their arrival there to victual.	30
,, ,,	Fras. Holt, Mayor, and Th. Mullins, Notary, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Send depositions of Fras. Jansen Brower, master of the Sampson of Amsterdam, and two of her company, that their ship having been taken by Capt. Gabriel Saunders of the Tiger, his company embezzled various articles named belonging to her, before bringing her into Portsmouth Harbour.	31, 32
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends copy of a former demand for cordage, cables, &c., and note of what has been sent in the Mary of Plymouth. As there is a great deficiency, and many frigates to refit, desires the remainder may be sent at once, to prevent delay. The Fagons has brought in two Dutch ships laden with salt.	33, 34
,, ,,	John Maidstone, *Whitehall.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends Wm. Wright, a clerk, who has formerly served the Parliament, as clerk of the check in the Faithful Speaker.	35
,, ,,	Wm. Wright -	,,	Petition to be clerk of the check in the Speaker. Has served through the troubles, but has been some time out of employ.	36
,, 9	Capt. Ben. Sacheverell, *Pearl, with the fleet at sea.*	Lieut. Col. Kelsey.	Received 3 months' provisions for his fleet at Cadiz, and then put to sea again; hopes they will not remain long in those parts; was never more discontented and weary of a voyage; wants sails and cordage. Has bought his sister, Kelsey's wife, a Turkey carpet, and silk quilt and other things for his own wife, and sent a box by Capt. Pack.	37
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends his lieutenant, Thomas Milton, for promotion, he having faithfully served several years.	38
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for refitting and victualling the Bristol and Nightingale at Portsmouth, and the Hare pink at Liverpool, for the summer fleet.	39
,, ,,	,, ,, - -	,,	Order to make out bills for 150*l.* apiece to Thos. Smith, Major Robt. Thomson, Edw. Hopkins, Peter Pett, Major Nehemiah Bourne, and Fras. Willoughby, for extraordinary services as Navy Commissioners.	40
,, ,,	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	,,	Asks whether he shall pay for the furniture supplied by the captain for the great cabin, as neither the boatswain nor carpenter indent for such things. The ship has been as far as Lundy, but put back, the convoy having lost some anchors and cables.	41
,, ,,	Officers of the Great President.	—	Deposition as to the damage done to their ship when being hauled on shore to tallow.	42

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1655. June 9	Lord Deputy Charles Fleetwood and the Council of *Ireland*, *Nenagh*.	Pass.	For Lady Ann Southwell, of Limerick, and Saml. Clerke and his wife, with their servants and goods to any port in England; shipmasters to convoy them to Milford Haven.	Vol. 110. 43
" 10	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham*.	Navy Com^{rs}	Capt. Taylor wants an imprest of 1,000*l.* to Mr. Maplestone for timber; as he could not manage without a supply, has signed a bill for him for 800*l.*; he is honest and will render account. Notes of ships.	44
" "	Rich. Cowes, *Cat pink*, *Milford Haven*.	"	Begs that Humberston Hurst, victualler at Kinsale, may be paid for stores supplied for his ship; will deliver an account at the end of the voyage.	45
" 11	Edw. Hopkins, *Navy Office*.	Adm. Com.	Sends duplicates of the bills of lading and invoices, for provisions put on board the ships designed for the Western expedition.	46
" "	John Maidstone, *Hampton Court*.	Hen. Lawrence, Lord President.	To move the Admiralty Commissioners to release a waterman from serving in the fleet, he having to maintain his mother and grandmother, who are widows.	47
" "	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for payment of the wages of the boatswain, gunner, and carpenter of the Great President. With a note by Hopkins to Capt. Fras. Parke, 30 May, asking his reasons for refusing to sign the boatswain's account; and his reply that he objects to the amounts charged.	48–50
" "	Edm. Harvey, *Cheapside*.	Col. Barkstead, Lieut. of the *Tower*.	Wrote Mr. Hopkins, Navy Commissioner, for a list of the provisions and merchandize put on board the ships; wants it at once, as he must not clear the ships at Gravesend without it. Has instructed Mr. Whittle, the secretary at the Custom House, to send it down by express.	51
" "	John Major, *Endeavour*.	Navy Com^{rs}	Discharged Thos. Debbet, the mate, and his two servants, and cleared their tickets. The Hunter from St. Christopher's reports that Gen. Penn passed the Island on the 7th inst., and that the Marston Moor and Selby, at anchor there, sailed after him.	52
" "	Ed. Pelling and Jno. Morris, *Gravesend*.	"	The victualling ships have not been stayed; wishes the captains were as forward to be dispatched. Went on board the Hopewell, and found 30 cases of strong waters in the captain's cabin, marked for his own use; he is now in London. The master said he intended to sail to-morrow, but has been drunk all day. If no account is to be given in such cases, any man might freight a ship under a like pretence, and not be questioned.	53
" "	Jno. Morris, *Gravesend*.	"	Has issued petty warrant provisions for 140 pressed men, but only 100 have as yet appeared, whereof 50 are put on board the 4 merchant ships, and the rest in the pink, where they are mustered. Will pass the cheese on board the Recovery without let.	54
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth*.	Robt. Blackborne.	Has returned sooner than he expected, as Mr. Cooper at Claringdon refused the removal of the felled or standing trees, but thinks he will retract. Will take Sussex and Surrey on his way to London.	55

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1655.				Vol. 110.
June 11	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Repairs of ships. There being great complaints of the people suffering by small French vessels cruising on the coast, who took a hoy with several passengers on the Needles, gave orders for fitting out the Deptford shallop. The Portsmouth and others should be sent out to convoy ships and protect trade.	56
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends a bill of lading for pipe staves, hemp, &c., on board the Starland. Begs payment of the freight on delivery.	57
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	„	Asks money to pay for timber purchased by Mr. Maplesden, the purveyor for the navy, as there are two new ships on the stocks, which are delayed for want of supplies. Begs further time to make out and send in his accounts, the storekeeper being absent.	58
„ 12	Major N. Bourne, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	The officers are anxious to dispatch the ships to the fleet in the Downs, but complain of the continual absence of their commanders and officers. Has ordered them to sail, but as he fears some of their captains will remain behind, Capt. Alderne should be sent down to hasten them away, and the commander of the squadron should have power to sail, and to appoint others if they are absent. Is going to the Downs.	59
„ „	Stephen Skewes, *Satisfaction, Liverpool Water.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends two muster books. Has received 6 months' provisions for 100 men, and is waiting a wind.	60
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	„	Order for fitting out the Islip frigate at Liverpool, and victualling her for 5 months, that she may proceed to her station on the Scotch coast.	61
„ 13	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	„	Is in great need of 100 loads of compass timber for the new ships building, and some has been offered at a higher price than the purveyor is allowed to give; desires a warrant for securing it, as also a supply of treenails and elm plank. There are 20 elm trees to be sold at Brainford, which are fit for the service.	62
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Account of the defective state of the Bristol's mainmast. The new one will be ready to set on Friday.	63
„ 15	Fras. Cranwill -	[Navy Com^{rs}]	Will sail for Portsmouth. Could not see the propriety of going to Chester to receive the small sum of 5*l.* from Mr. Walley for tallowing, &c., so arranged with Saml. Windis for its payment, and hopes they will reimburse him.	64
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Deal.*	Adm. Com.	The merchant ships bound with the squadron westward have arrived. Will settle all things by to-morrow, that they may embrace the first wind; will also arrange that they have an additional week's provisions sent them from Dover.	65
„ „	Wm. Serjant, *Islip, Liverpool Road.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has washed and tallowed, and is ready to take in provisions, but the victualler will not be ready for 14 days. The steward being in the men's debt by bad husbandry, wishes to indent for the last 5 months, when he will be able to repay them; having indented at Dublin in his absence for 6 weeks, and begun a new victualling, asks whether he or the steward shall continue it.	66

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	Refer-ences.
1655. June 15	Capt. Edw. Tarleton, *Islip, Liverpool.*	Navy Comrs	To like effect with the preceding. As his men are in great want of clothes, desires an order to Jno. Sandiford to supply them.	Vol. 110. 67
„ 16	Charles Walley, jun., *Chester.*	„	Will supply the Islip and Hare with money, &c., during his uncle Walley's absence in London. Has taken up 450*l.* for refitting the Hare; they are both at Liverpool; will instruct their captains to be good husbands for the State, and not to be profuse in bringing unnecessary charges.	68
„ „	Robt. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	„	The Admiralty Commissioners find, on perusal of the invoice of provisions sent in the 8 ships of war bound westward, that the wearing apparel and other necessaries are stated to be for the use of the fleet in the Indies, whereas they are for the regiment on board, and desire the mistake may be rectified. The oars, awnings, shallops, &c., which were to be provided for the use of the fleet, may also be inserted, and each captain furnished with an invoice of the provisions he has on board, so that on his arrival, the General and Commissioners may know the amount of supplies sent by each.	69
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Robt. Blackborne.	As Capt. Alderne has gone to Whitehall, he will satisfy the Commissioners about the invoices. The awnings, oars, shallops, &c., were stowed in the several ships by order of Major Bourne, and as he is in the Downs, cannot give any account; have written him to send particulars thereof to the Commissioners and Generals in the Indies, and the clerks are transcribing the several invoices, so that each captain may carry one, and know what he has on board.	70
„ „	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Comrs	Received the papers about Mr. Johnson's business, and has delivered that to Mr. Chafe. Will forbear giving the value of the work done until he attends them next week; but if the delay will prejudice Johnson, Major Bourne can do it. Movements of ships.	71
„ „	Adm. Com. -	„	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Jno. Taylor for 20*l.* for extraordinary charges, and saving expense to the State in building the Selby in the Thames, and also to allow him after the rate of 85 feet in length and 25 feet in breadth, he having exceeded the dimensions contracted for.	72
„ „	„ „ -	Navy Comrs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages of Thos. Goulding, late gunner of the Portsmouth, and of Thos. Burgess, late gunner of the Essex, defalking 10*l.* from each on account of some embezzlements of their ships' stores.	73
„ „	„ „ -	Navy Comrs	Order for the navy victuallers to provide victuals and beverage in lieu of beer, at Portsmouth, Plymouth, Harwich, and Dover, for 3,500 men of Gen. Blake's fleet in the Straits for 13 weeks, and arrange for its transportation.	74
„ „	„ „ -	„	Order to contract with the navy victuallers for providing 6 months more provisions for 1,500 men for the summer guard in the Port of London; but if the supplies ordered for Gen. Blake's fleet occasion the drawing away of any part of the proportion to be left at Portsmouth, Plymouth, Dover, and Harwich, for the fleet in the Channel, they are to make up the deficiency out of the 1,500 men's victuals, and the Navy Commissioners are to make out bills of imprest to the victuallers for any money due hereupon.	75

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1654. June 16	Capt. Thos. Wilson, Deputy-Lieutenant of *Dover Castle.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends deposition of Jno. Cornelison Prince, master of the Hope of Amsterdam, Peter Symons, pilot, and Jacob Johnson, shipwright, that the ship was laden with timber by Edw. Scott, merchant of Amsterdam, and consigned to Laurence Hubacke at Brest; but when near the Casketts, was captured by the Elizabeth frigate and brought into Dover. Know of no other bills of lading or papers than those found on board, but the captain of the Elizabeth took away two large looking glasses, a quantity of deals, and some wearing apparel; there were also 8 barrels of tar on board. All the crew were Hollanders.	Vol. 110. 76
,, ,,	Matt. Chafe, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Received their order through Capt. Willoughby to survey the extra work done to the Welcome by Mr. Johnson at Blackwall, and sends particulars; both contracts amount to 400*l.*	77
,, 18	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Sends a survey of the Pelican prize by Jno. Tippetts and 2 others; she is unfit for service, and an obstruction in the harbour. The Hopewell has come in for 14 days' victuals, the Monny at Weymouth not being ready. Particulars of ships.	78, 79
,, ,,	,, ,,	Robt. Blackborne.	Will set forward on his journey into Sussex, Surrey, and Middlesex to-morrow, and will then wait upon him.	80
,, 19	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for Commissioner Pett to see that the Naseby is sent to Chatham	81
,, ,,	Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough, Leith Road.*	,,	Desires they will pay Jno. Neale 7*l.* for a long boat bought of Wm. Dod; was put to much trouble and expense while on the North Coast for want of one. Has expended other moneys for necessaries, and still requires some sails and a cable. Has been at Leith 10 days, and must remain until the brewing of the beer.	82
,, 20	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Have agreed with the victuallers for 1,500 men's victuals, and also for a further supply to Gen. Blake; but they must draw some provisions from Harwich to London, and from Plymouth to Portsmouth, where one ship should lade, and the others be sent from London. Two frigates and 2 merchantmen will be sufficient for its transportation; desire order for fitting and freighting them. Money should be sent in lieu of beverage to save the freight.	83
,, 21	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Jos. Cubitt of Dartmouth, for 40*l.* 15*s.* 7*d.* disbursed by him for the fleet in 1652 by order of the Council of State.	84
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	Order to pay off the Winsby with the rest of the winter guard	85
,, 22	Rich. Wickes, clerk of the check, *Falcon, Jamaica.*	,,	Sends two muster books by the Half Moon, bound for England; also some tickets, and desires the amount due upon one may be paid to his wife.	86
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett	Adm. Com.	Sent propositions for preventing the embezzlement of the stores at Chatham. Thos. Whitton should be employed to carry them out.	87
,, ,,	Navy Comrs.	,,	On the petition of Geo. Taylor, for compensation for the loss of his lighter, as it was partly through his own neglect, though the officers at Woolwich yard cannot be wholly excused, think it will be an act of charity to give him 10*l.* besides the freight. With order, 26 June, for its payment.	88, 89

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1655. June 22	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Have examined [Wm.] Carey's bills, and though some of the charges are high, from the lapse of time they ought to be allowed.	Vol. 110. 90
„ 23	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out bills for what is allowable on Wm. Carey's accounts	91
„ „	„ „	„	Order to send an account of the provisions put on board 12 ships in the Downs for the Western expedition.	92
„ „	Ordnance Officers	—	Account of granado shells in the stores	93
„ 25	Thos. Scott, and 2 others.	NavyCom^{rs}	The Fox and Old President are unfit for service; value the former at 65*l.* 17*s.* 0*d.*, and the latter at 79*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*	94
„ „	Jno. Watson	Adm. Com.	Send a survey of muskets, pistols, &c., in the Ordnance Office	95
„ „	H. Tonge, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Capt. Adam Banes, *Somerset House.*	Asks a steward's place in one of the ships building at Chatham, Woolwich, or Portsmouth, having had 16 years' experience at sea; served under Gen. Penn, and can be recommended by the Vice-Admiral, who is now in London.	96
„ 26	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to call upon Major Robt. Sedgwick to refund 154*l.* 18*s.* 7*d.*, due on his accounts in relation to his employment in New England.	97
„ „	Capt. Jno. Parker, *Barnstaple.*	„	Having received orders to victual and tallow, has taken up 5*l.* of the victualler's agent. Will send up the sea books as soon as the clerk of the check comes on board, and give an account at the end of the voyage.	98
„ 27	Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	Sends the appraisement of the ships for sale, but the master shipwright judges they might serve longer if repaired. The Tiger has sent in a Fleming with salt. The Winsby will take in her victuals to-morrow, and go into the Bay. Has nothing in the stores fit for sale.	99
„ „	John Timberly, steward of *the Merlin.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for 6 weeks' time to clear himself, keeping his place. Has been imprisoned and suffered much by aspersions.	100
„ „	Robt. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	Navy Com^{rs}	His Highness having referred the matter of the imprisonment of Jno. Timberly, late steward of the Merlin, to the Admiralty Commissioners, they desire to know the nature of his offence, and particulars of the proceedings at the sessions.	101
„ „	Adm. Com.	Ordnance officers.	Order to take care that the cranes on Tower Hill are not used by private persons	102
„ „	Christ. Pett, and 2 others, *Woolwich.*	[Navy Com^{rs}]	Send up Ann Clarke who, going on board the Recovery, had a piece of a 6 inch hawser sold to her by the boatswain's servant.	103
„ 28	Thos. Smith, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Hears from Mr. Jessop that the petition of the owners of the Anne Percy has been referred by his Highness and Council to the Admiralty Commissioners, who are to report how the money due to them by the State may be satisfied. As the largest owner, cannot say any more than what is in the petition and certificates, but desires the money may be paid out of the Prize Office, as it is prize money long since due. The account of the provisions put on board the 12 ships for the Western expedition is in hand.	104

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1655.				Vol. 110.
June 29	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed from Gravesend for Sheerness, with the Naseby, and will take the first wind to bring her to her moorings above Upnor Castle. Has sent home the extra men employed to assist in bringing her about. Asks how many are to be kept on board while in harbour. Noted 20, besides officers, as a 1st rate.	105
„ „	„ „	Navy Comrs.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	106
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Send account of all the extraordinary provisions put on board 12 ships for the Western expedition.	107
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Asks him to obtain payment of a bill for money disbursed on 8 May last, as the service will become too burdensome unless he can have repayment. Has charged another at 4 days on the Navy Treasurer for 435*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.*, and intreats payment, as he has sent the accounts and receipts to the Navy Commissioners. Has also disbursed other moneys in refitting the Reserve, and will want more to supply the stores.	108
„ „	„ „	Navy Comrs	To like effect. Capt. Heaton has sent in two Frenchmen laden with salt, and had an engagement with three French men-of-war, but came off well as to the loss of men, although his masts and bowsprit are shot. He will keep out as long as he can.	109
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Plover, the Ragg, Iceland.*	„	Most of the fishery have made the greater part of their voyage, and have not been interrupted, save one by a Biscaneer, bound for Greenland, who took away some of his provisions. Has had most of his men sick of an ague, but they are recovered. Will remain to the end of the fishing, if not otherwise ordered.	110
„ „	Robt. Sutcliffe -	„	Is brother of the captain of the Basing, now in Scotland, and as she is ordered to the North of Scotland, and her medicine chest requires replenishing, desires order to the wardens of Surgeons' Hall to pay him the necessary money.	111
„ „	Capt. Edw. Tarleton, *Liverpool.*	„	Has taken up 115*l.* of a friend to fit out his frigate, and supply his men with necessaries for the winter, and desires the bill may be paid. Will sail with the first wind.	112
„ 30	Comrs. for Sick and Wounded, *Little Britain.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Request to further the business of Ann King, that she may return to Harwich, where she has been very useful to sick and wounded seamen. Her son having been slain at sea in the Convert, they inserted her in a list of 22 persons last March, but not receiving any benefit, she has taken a journey to London, and is staying at her own charge.	113
„ „	Robt. Midford, *Woolwich.*	[Navy Comrs]	Mr. Lawrence, master of the Joshua, having moored his ship too close to the hulk, and there being another merchantman also lying there, they came foul, and damage was done to the extent of 5*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*; this sum they have paid him; desires order as to its disposal. Several officers of the State's ships lying at Woolwich took extraordinary pains in clearing the moorings. Noted to abate out of this bill.	114
June.	Wm. Serjant [*Islip*] *Liverpool.*	„	Sailed from Dublin on 1 Mar. for Inverlochy, where they arrived 4 Apr., and remained until 1st June, when they received orders from Gen. Monk to go to Liverpool to revictual, and then return. Arrived on the 8th. Has formerly sent an account for provisions received, amounting to 11*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*	115

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1655. [June]	Wm. Bodham	[Navy Com^rs]	Sends the account of Thos. Lawes, late deputy treasurer to the West India fleet, under Gen. Penn, who died at Jamaica, 19 June 1655, showing the disposition of 8,000*l.*, received from Mr. Child at Portsmouth, in Dec. 1654.	Vol. 110. 116, 117
,, ,,	Geo. Woodward	Adm. Com.	Petition to be boatswain in the Hopewell pink. Has been faithful at sea, and at great charges in attending, and can give testimony of fidelity.	118
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	To like effect. Sends another certificate, the former not being satisfactory. With certificate by Capt. Fras. Parke and Mat. Langdale, to his service as coxswain and midshipman, 26 June.	119, 120
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *the Yarmouth.*	,,	Has come in to victual, and then return to his station, where he will remain until his month's provisions are expended. His company were discontented from not being paid, having been out 15 months, but are now somewhat satisfied by the hopes that they will receive pay the end of the summer.	121
June?	John Barber, purser of *the Kent.*	,,	Petition for confirmation of his place to which he was appointed by Adm. Stokes, 23 May last, on the death of Thos. Sharpe, late purser.	122
,, ,,	Wm. Molins, Abel Richardson.	,,	Account of saltpetre delivered in to the workhouse at Lambeth, and of gunpowder delivered in to the Tower by them, from Aug. 1653 to Feb. 1654–5.	123
July 1	Capt. Phil. Gethings, *the Preston, near Seinehead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Capt. Saunders and himself have taken a vesse of Cowes from Chichester with 10 packs of wool. Several Flemish ships have been seen on the coast, laden with salt for the Grand Party, which they landed, and are gone for more; hopes they will be intercepted next time; wonders the [Admiralty] Court clears the ships that we put into port, and that are given up at last by the French as lost. Wants an order for the salvage for retaking the ketch from the Dunkirker; although it is only a moiety of 16*l.*, the Prize Commissioners will not pay it without order.	Vol. 111. 1
,, 2	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Return their reference and the account of Capt. Giles Shelley, of 6*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.* for travelling charges; also the certificate of its accuracy by Gen. Monk, Dalkeith, 3 March 1654–5; but as it is not usual to allow such charges to any commander when paid off, have forborne to make out a bill.	2–5
,, ,,	Capt. Abr. Algate, *Drake, Dover Road.*	,,	Convoyed the Hope of Dover and the Hopewell of London to France, also a vessel of Dover with horses for Dunkirk, by order of Capt. Jno. Bourne, and is to convoy others to France. As his cables and topsail were much worn when he left Deptford, wants a supply at Dover.	6
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Downs.*	,,	Examined the journal of the captain of the Advice, and sends particulars of his proceedings from Gravesend to the Downs. The Western squadron put back into Dover Road, but have since resailed. The Fairfax and 4 others are in the Roads, and the Advice plying between the Ness and Beachy.	7
,, ,,	Capt. Mark Harrison, *the Church, Portland Road.*	,,	Sailed from the Downs with the squadron bound for Gen. Penn's fleet, on the 27th ult., and got as far as Beachy, when they were forced back to Dover, but have since resailed, and are in a good posture under Portland.	8

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1655. July 2	Gilbert Cornelius, *Torrington, Jamaica Harbour.*	[Navy Comrs.]	Depositions before him of Rich. Mattock, late quartermaster of the Grantham, Wm. Hill, cook of the Selby, and Wm. Mussered, master's mate of the Grantham, that Capt. Jno. Lightfoot, commander of the Grantham, and Capt. Jno. Clarke, commander of the Selby, took out of the Red Horse pink prize, hides, cheese, and meal, which were carried on board the Edward.	Vol. 111. 9
,, 3	Capt. Benj. Sacheverell, *Pearl.*	—	Account of the defects and wants of the Pearl frigate; also of stores supplied to the General and Vice-Admiral therefrom.	10
,, ,,	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough, Flamborough Head.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends an account of his victualling at Leith, where he stayed the brewing of the beer; if he is to remain on the coast, will require a cable and some sails. A Scotchman from Dantzic met a fleet of 50 Swedes, the least having 40 guns and many soldiers, but did not know to where they were bound. Spoke Capt. Allen between Scarborough and Flamborough Head, but did not meet any men-of-war. The Yarmouth is at sea with the fishermen.	11
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Constant Warwick, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Met a shallop of Brest with 24 men, coming on the coast to make his voyage, whose commander, Capt. Ensom, has been in prison several times, but made his escape, and doubts not to do it again. Chased another shallop with 40 men, and also a Brest man, but without effect. Has come for victuals and beer, having but 8 days' left, and then is going convoy to Morlaix.	12
,, ,,	Capt. Phil. Gethings, *Spithead.*	,,	Advised Mr. Blackborne of an English shallop that Capt. Saunders and himself took near Seinehead, with 10 or 12 bales of wool; yesterday they took the Land of Promise of Amsterdam, bound for France from Rouen, with plaster of Paris and stones. Sends examinations of her crew. Wishes he had the old Brest frigate at Portsmouth with him, as he daily expects some bankers and salt ships. Having spent his foremast, has sent it on shore; hopes to be supplied to-morrow and will go out again.	13, 13*a*
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Saltern.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is sorry Col. Clarke is indisposed; has a cold through long watching. The Reserve still waits orders; the Constant Warwick has come in to revictual, and will convoy some vessels of Topsham and Lyme bound for Morlaix. The constables of Plymouth having refused to assist the Custom House waiters in their duty, alleging that their commissions granted by the Acts had expired, sent orders to the mayor to do so, otherwise the soldiers must, which would not be for the credit of the corporation. If you grant an inch in such cases, an ell will be taken; if there is not a fair compliance, shall solicit him to write Col. Harvey or Capt. Stone about it. Asks news of the French peace.	14
,, ,,	Adm. Com. -	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Hooper, clerk to the Admiralty Commissioners, for his quarter's salary, &c., at 100*l.* a year for the past and succeeding quarters.	15
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	Order to provide and send away 13 weeks' victuals for 3,500 men for Gen. Blake's fleet; to take up ships for its transport to Cadiz, Alicant, Leghorn, or higher if needed; to give an account to the customs' officers, that they may be passed customs' free, and to send one of the ships to Portsmouth to receive the provisions to be shipped from thence.	16
,, 4	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Particulars of ships. The crew of the Portsmouth shallop want their wages; to save charge, has entered the young men in the Winsby, and the rest are a good riddance. Recommends the case of Capt. Country's wife to the Admiralty Commissioners, as she is in a very sad condition.	17

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1655. July 4	Capt. H. Maddison, *Gift, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Came in with the Welcome and Loyalty, having lost the fleet in a storm. Met two Frenchmen, the Princess of Amsterdam and the Lewes of Dieppe, bound for Cape de Verd and the West Indies, but although one had a protection from the Council of State, and the other an affidavit made in the Admiralty Court that she belonged to Jno. Warner, merchant of London, neither had an Englishman on board.	Vol. 111. 18
" "	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *the Yarmouth, off Scarborough.*	"	Has been driven northward and out to sea, and seeking a French man-of-war of 16 guns reported to be upon the coast, but not finding her, has given notice to the Colchester who is on the station. Particulars of ships.	19
" "	Capt. Jno. Geffery, *the Nantwich, Stokes Bay.*	"	Has safely arrived with his convoy, and as soon as he can obtain another anchor, will return to his station.	20
" "	Thos. Smith, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	As his brethren are meeting again, reminds him of his little business; asks if there is any scruple, that he may resolve it.	21
" "	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Guinsborough, Flamborough Head.*	Adm. Com.	Took in 4 months' victuals at Leith, and then ranged the north coast, but could not hear of any man-of-war.	22
" 5	Capt. Mic. Nutton, *Satisfaction, Holyhead Bay.*	"	Is waiting a wind to carry Lord Hen. Cromwell and his family to Dublin, and the Greyhound and Wexford, formerly the Fleetwood, are with him. The Paradox and Islip are at Liverpool, and cannot get out.	23
" 6	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Comrs	Capt. Bunn wants an express sent to Major Sedgwick in the Downs, that the Loyalty and Gift are at Portsmouth, as there are no expresses that go that way. Is ordered by the Admiralty Commissioners to supply the ships with 7 days' provisions to save their sea store, but wants a warrant for it. It blew so hard yesterday that the clerks could not pay off the Winsby.	24
" "	" "	Robt. Blackborne.	To the same effect. The Nantwich and Winsby will go westward - - - - -	25
" "	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Plying off Ushant with the Fagon, sprung a leak, and having 5 feet of water in the hold, fired a gun for the Fagon to keep by him all night, and by a continual pumping and baling, got into Plymouth. No other ship was so slighted in the works at Portsmouth, as nothing was done beyond tallowing and caulking, and the ship was so leaky that not a man could lie dry; had 19 barrels of powder spoilt, and it was a mercy they did not sink, but Capt. Hatsell has promised all dispatch.	26
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	"	Send accounts of decayed vessels, boats, and timber at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, and Portsmouth. Beg order for their sale by the candle, with their appurtenances, so as to enhance the price, reserving the guns and such provisions as are not half worn.	27, 28

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. July 6	Capt. Theop. Sacheverell, *the Plymouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends some tickets made out for sick men and others for the relief of their families. Cannot find 3 named entered on the last muster book for June 5, 1655, but as they are borne on the ship's books, desires they may be paid. The fleet is now off Cape St. Vincent.	Vol. 111. 29
" "	Capt. Pet. Bowen, *Mayflower, Falmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of his proceedings since sailing from Torbay, with 4 ships under convoy, bound for Morlaix. Met 4 coasters from Lyme, who importuned him to see them to the Isle of Bass, and as their vessels were worth 25,000*l.*, did so. He was chased by some ships who fired upon his convoys, and tried to board one of them, but perceiving him, one of them ran ashore among the rocks off the Isle of Bass. As soon as his convoys were safe, made sail after the others; but night coming on, having sprung his foretopsail yard, and having little ballast or water, was forced to come in for a supply. Will proceed for Kinsale with the first wind.	30
" "	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *the Portsmouth, off the Isle of Wight.*	"	Has sent in to Portsmouth a Hollander bound to Newhaven with salt, and as he reports there are 8 more bound for the same port upon a like account, will keep at sea and look after them.	31
" 7	Capt. Jno. Geffery, *the Nantwich, Stokes Bay.*	"	Having brought in two Dutch ships laden with salt for the French King, and bound for Newhaven, will proceed to his station.	32
" "	Capt. Fras. Cranwill, *Hare, Irish Sea.*	"	While at sea, met a small boat bound for Brest. Left the Satisfaction, Greyhound, and Fleetwood in Chester Water, attending on Lord Henry Cromwell. Will proceed to Portsmouth for orders.	33
" "	Dr. Walter Walker -	Navy Com^{rs}	Asks a further order for securing some plank; there was a dispute ast o the ownership, but it was settled by an order that it should be sequestered and delivered into the yard.	34
" "	Sam. Wilson, *Bishopsgate St.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Peter Cooper for a master's place in some ship, he having so served, and received some hurt thereby.	35
" "	Col. John Clerke, *Whitehall.*	Navy Com^{rs}	To order the navy victuallers to supply the Welcome, Gift, and Loyalty with a week's provisions to save their sea stores, they having been separated from the Western squadron in a storm, and put into Stokes Bay.	36
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne	There will be a difficulty in victualling the Welcome, Gift, and Loyalty, as one is at Spithead, and the others at Cowes. The Portsmouth has sent in a Hollander with salt, and is coming in with two more.	37
" "	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, Leith Road.*	Adm. Com.	Left the fishermen in the Firth in charge of the Yarmouth and Colchester, having been ordered by the General to come to Leith to revictual, when he will return to his station. Has heard of several men-of-war, but not seen any among the fishers. This is their second fishing voyage, and is between Holy Island and Flambro' Head, and will end in August, when he will go to Yarmouth.	38
" 9	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Desires a warrant for delivery of a hoy of timber into the stores, or the works on the new ship and the others in dock will be delayed, and the men kept in idleness.	39

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. July 9	Vice-Adm. John Lawson.	—	Certificate that Wm. Martin served as midshipman in the Fairfax, was in the engagements against the Dutch under Gen. Penn and himself, and is fit for a gunner's place in a 4th or 5th rate frigate.	Vol. 111. 40
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Plymouth Sound.*	,,	Received the Protector's instructions appointing Capt. Ames of the Winsby as his consort, and on her arrival, will use all diligence to observe them, having victualled for 4 months at Plymouth.	41
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is glad to hear of his recovery, but sorry the Western squadron are scattered; none are driven back so far as Dover, for Mr. White, the victualler and sub-commissioner there, has returned the packet for Major Sedgwick. Hears the Vice-Admiral is coming into the Downs in a week, when Col. Clerke will allow him to come up. As he has but 14 days' provisions, and none to be had from Dover, desires a supply from Portsmouth or Harwich.	42
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	To similar effect. Appointed the Adviser to convoy some vessels to Dunkirk, and bring any back bound for England; the Elizabeth to go to Rotterdam to fetch a vessel very richly laden on the company's account; and the Bristol to sail with another laden with the State's goods. The Drake is ordered by Col. Clerke to ply in the Narrow, with the ketch and dogger; as the Sparrow is coming out of Dover, has ordered her to convoy vessels in Dover Road bound for Dieppe, Caen, and Rouen.	43
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Hears that Major Sedgwick and the rest of the fleet are at Cowes, save 3 at Portland, and that he is also going there. The Nantwich, which has brought in the two prizes instead of the Portsmouth, is considered by Capt. Gethings to be a handsome ship, and a good sailer.	44
,, ,,	Capt. Phil. Gethings, *Spithead.*	,,	Has taken the Fortune of Hamburg and the Crow of Rotterdam, laden with salt for the Grand Party, and chased 3 others into the harbour near Havre de Grace; although he fired at them, they refused to strike, but got into the Road and so escaped. There is a general complaint amongst all the skippers of their being kept so long in our ports. If care was taken for their encouragement, where we get one ship we might have two. Last month 3 ships sailed out of St. Martin's, full of soldiers bound for Canada to retake our plantations, and some others are to come forth the first wind; will do his best to meet with them.	45
,, 10	Wm. Webb, *Reserve, Plymouth Sound.*	Navy Comrs.	Sends muster books. The captain having nearly 5 months' provisions, and the Winsby having arrived, they will sail with the first wind, according to instructions from the Lord Protector and Admiralty Commissioners.	46
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Constant Warwick.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in to victual and clean, and will then observe instructions - - - - -	47
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *the Portsmouth, Isle of Wight.*	,,	Has taken a ship belonging to Newhaven, bound for Newfoundland, and sent her into Portsmouth. She was bought by a Scotch merchant from the French, is an English vessel, and was formerly taken by a Brest pirate. Will keep at sea until the end of the week, and then go to Spithead, as he is nearly out of beer. Has sent some of his men in with the above prize and another.	48

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1655. July 10	Jno. Clarey, *Assistance.*	Adm. Com.	Complaint against his commander, Capt. Sparling, Robt. Portine, master, and Peter Tull, clerk of the check, of having embezzled 3 pigs of silver and a quantity of sugar, tobacco, and other stores out of the holds of 3 prizes they took in their last voyage; and also having 5 boys on the sea books as able seamen, and paying them accordingly.	Vol. 111. 49
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to attend the Admiralty Committee to-morrow with the contract made with Mr. Baylie for building the Nantwich.	50
„ „	„ „ - -	„	Order to make out a bill to Thos. Hewer for 4*l.* 19*s.* 0*d.* for printing tickets for the fleet - -	51
„ „	Committee of the Council on Tobias Sollicoffer's petition.	Adm. Com.	To certify by what ship the petitioner's vessel was taken, what damage he has sustained, and how the amount for compensation should be raised. With note that Capt. Eustace Smith, of the Richard and Martha, took the Peter, laden with currants, from Zante, in Dec. 1653, during the Dutch war, which was bought by the Sollicoffers at Toulon; also note of an order to the Admiralty Court, to try all causes of difference touching bills of exchange relating to prizes.	52, 53
„ 11	Capt. Ga. Saunders, *Tiger, Spithead.*	„	Took two ships of Amsterdam laden with salt for the Grand Party, and has brought them in. Hears the French are making preparations to go to our plantations in Canada, and put them all to the sword, but hopes they will not be able to effect it.	54
„ „	Capts. Jno. Limbry, H. Maddison, and Thos. Bunn, *Welcome, Plymouth Sound.*	„	Hope they have not been blamed because the Welcome, Gift, and Loyalty separated from the fleet by contrary winds, which detained them at the Isle of Wight. The fleet, with Major Sedgwick, sailed this morning; will lose no time in following them.	55
„ 12	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Send petition of Fras. Baylie, of Bristol, for payment of his last instalment for building the Islip and Nantwich, and desire they will make him out a bill, with deductions for failing in his contract with regard to the sails.	56, 57
„ „	Capt. Robt. Claye, *Bryer, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Come in to clean and victual, but being too late for the spring tide, has taken in a fortnight's provisions, and will put to sea.	58
„ 13	Capt. Mich. Tarleton, *Liverpool.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Returns the Admiralty Commissioners' order of 10 July, to Capt. Edw. Tarleton of the Islip, to carry over some money from Chester to Dublin for pay of the forces; he left on the 11th, and falling short to wait on Lord Hen. Cromwell, he convoyed some merchants to the Irish coast, and was then to hasten to Inverlochy, in Scotland. Capt. Cranwill has also sailed for Ayr, where Lord Henry appointed shipping to wait for him.	59, 60
„ „	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, at Sea.*	Adm. Com.	Left Plymouth Sound on the 10th, with the Winsby and a vessel of London bound for Newfoundland. Hears that all the others bonnd there sailed 3 days since.	61
„ 14	Prize Comrs. - -	Robt. Blackborne.	There are a quantity of planks and deals in the Hope of Amsterdam at Dover, which has lately been discharged by the Admiralty Court, and as she is bound to an enemy's port, and the owners say they will dispose of their goods as they please, suggest that the lading should be secured for the State.	62

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1655. July 14	Capt. Jno. Croft, *Gloucester.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Sends a packet from Gen. Desborow to Major Wade, he being in London - - -	Vol. 111. 63
" "	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	When Ben. Symonds was under restraint on board the Vice-Admiral, Capt. Godfrey of the Marmaduke affirmed that Symonds displayed great ability in bringing off that ship when she ran aground through the ignorance of the pilot, and that although a prisoner on board, if it had not been for him, the ship would have miscarried on her way to the Downs.	64
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	All the officers noticed that the Nantwich was well caulked, and if there was any fault, it was the want of mariners to tar the decks; but she had too many guns, and if he had not seen her masts shortened and her yards narrowed, she would have been under water; also took 40 tons of sand out of her, and put in ordinary ballast. Capt. Morris must excuse him for differing as to the work on board his ship. The Portsmouth having arrived at Spithead to tallow and victual, asks whether she is to come in, as complaints are made of her sailing. Some of her men are gone to Plymouth with 2 prizes.	65
" "	John Packwood, *Woolwich.*	"	Recommends Lewis Whitehead for a boatswain's place in the frigate building at Woolwich; he so served in the Crow, and gave a just account of his stores.	66
" "	Capt. Thos. Sparling, *Assistance, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying on his station since leaving Plymouth on 20 June. Took a Hollander with salt bound for St. Malo; rescued the Love of London from the Michael of Brest, and sent her to Plymouth; also met a Dutch ship from St. Malo, bound for the Straits, with 150 bales of linen, which he imagines will prove prize.	67
" 15	" "	"	The Cross of Jerusalem, of 400 tons and 20 guns, had 150 bales of linen, besides 3 small fardles in the skipper's locker in his cabin. As the skipper and his company said the ship and goods belonged to Amsterdam, would not give his own company any encouragement to pillage, to which they are much addicted and very difficult to restrain, and so left the fardles behind; many may account this ignorance or imbecility; but finding the greater part of the goods belong to Frenchmen, and will prove prize, desires an order to have the fardles, or whatever else they may think fit.	68
" "	Roger Yaxley, *Fagons, Plymouth.*	"	Asks his discharge as master, not being acquainted with the French coast, where his station is assigned, and being out of health.	69
" "	Capt. Thos. Elliot, *Plymouth.*	"	Has been plying on his station, and chased two Brest men-of war, but lost them. Being out of provisions, has been ordered in by Capt. Hatsell to wash, tallow, and victual, and set a new mainmast.	70
" 16	Thos. Newberry, *Portsmouth.*	[Navy Com^{rs}]	Has received into the stores the shot brought from Bristol in the Salem of Scarborough, and sends particulars.	71
" "	Thos. Pointer, *the Cock, Ratcliff.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Wants to be employed about the victualling business; if he had the business of passing the stewards' accounts, there would not be any more complaints, and yet 4 men are employed.	72

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1655. July 16	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks whether to bring in the Portsmouth, now at Spithead; if the weather permits and her men attend, she would be ready to sail next week.	Vol. 111. 73
„ „	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Details of his revictualling. The dogger belonging to the fleet has brought in a Billinder with French goods, which he has sent to Dover. The Elizabeth returned from Rotterdam, and has since been convoying vessels to Dieppe. Notes of ships.	74
„ 17	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Plymouth.*	„	While on his station, chased several Brest men-of-war, but they were too nimble. Surprised the Encounter of St. Malo, with fish from Newfoundland; met a ship retaken by the Assistance, and convoyed them as far as the Deadman, where he lost them, but is confident they got safe into Plymouth. While cruising off Ushant, met the Spread Eagle of Hamburg, with salt, bound for France, and presumes she will prove a prize. Not having been in any port for three months, his provisions being expended, and his ship foul, has been forced to come in, but will use all dispatch to get out again.	75
„ „	Capt. N. Heaton, *Saphire, Plymouth Sound.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Account of his proceedings from his leaving Plymouth for Rochelle, on 2 June, to his return 16 July. Took several prizes and 250 prisoners, and only lost one man, but if Providence had not cast small vessels in his way, must have left the service undone, or lost his own ship. Has brought 150 prisoners home, which were more than he had to man his own ship, as also 3 prizes, having formerly sent in 3. Will observe Capt. Hatsell's orders, but wants 10 more men.	76
„ 18	Capt. Rich. Cowes, *Cat pink, Tenby Road.*	Adm. Com.	Since leaving Milford, has been to Dublin, plied on the Irish coast, and convoyed several vessels to Bristol, with goods valued at 4,000*l.*, besides passengers. Chased a Brest pirate the whole day, and could not get up to him for want of a wind, but as he lost some of his masts and sails, thinks he is gone. The steward having deserted, his duties have been performed by the clerk of the check. Damaged.	77
„ „	Capt. Jno. Parker, *Truelove, Milford Haven.*	„	Sailed from Barnstaple 17 June, and while plying on his station, met 12 sail from Bristol bound for Ireland; convoyed them there. Has put in to Milford to stop leaks.	78
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Comr. Fras. Willoughby.	Could not bring in the Portsmouth to revictual until to-day. The Hare pink has arrived at Spithead from Scotland, and has only 10 days' victuals.	79
„ „	„ „	Robt. Blackborne.	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	80
„ „	Capt. Giles Shelley, *the Colchester, Leith Frith.*	Adm. Com.	While at Dalkeith, received order from Gen. Monk to ply between Bass Island and Tynemouth Bar; is going for Cacawdey Road to water, and then to sea again. Desires copy of the orders given to captains touching their officers.	81
„ „	——	—	Account of cables and other stores supplied to the Marston Moor by Rich. Rowe, storekeeper at Jamaica, by order of the Generals.	82

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1655. July 18	Capt. Fras. Cranwill, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has come into Stokes' Bay, and is waiting for orders. Noted that his ketch is to be paid in proportion with the rest of the fleet, and refitted.	Vol. 111. 83
" "	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *Gainsborough, Burlington Bay.*	Navy Comrs	Sends survey made of the provisions sent from London, showing that 18 cwt. of bread was not fit for food, being old and twice baked, and 6 butts of beer bad; hopes the provisions received in Scotland will prove better. There are no men-of-war on the coast.	84–86
" "	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Nightingale, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Since leaving Plymouth with his convoys from Portsmouth, has been plying about the Lizard and Land's End; seeing a shallop chasing a merchantman, chased him into the rocks towards St. Ives, and by keeping up thus, preserved 12 or 14 ships bound that way, although he plundered one. Has since captured this shallop, and sent her in, with a Frenchman laden with hides and elephants' teeth; she will make a fine man-of-war, having formerly been one; begs the command of it for his master, Jas. Sharland. Desires he may clean and tallow every 6 weeks or two months, and go beyond the limits of his station; could thus do more service on the cunning rogues who infest the coast.	87
" 19	Capt. Mic. Nutton, *Satisfaction, Chester Water.*	"	Left Liverpool 21 June, and while lying in Chester water for a wind, received orders from Lord Hen. Cromwell to carry himself and family to Ireland, which he did, and landed them at Dublin on the 9th inst. Then received orders from the Lord Deputy and Council to return to Chester, to bring over some money. Desires leave of absence for some of his company, who are Londoners, and married, and have been at sea 22 months.	88
" "	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Comrs	Asks whether to tallow the President before launching her next Tuesday, as she will spoil more in the river in one week than at sea in a month.	89
" 20	Capt. Robt. Clay, *Bryer, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in by order of Capt. Hatsell, to refit and victual, and will make all speed to sea - -	90
" "	Capt. N. Heaton, *Saphire.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Told him of 20 bags of wool, 128 bars of iron, and 4 packs of sheep skins, which he took out of a vessel he sunk, and still retains; as there is money due to himself and company, if the Commissioners will allow him to keep them, will be thankful; they must have new masts and other recruits. Asks his influence, being constrained to go to sea again to guard the coast. Some may envy his active service, but all the honour is to the Creator, and not to his poor creature.	91, 92
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Notes of ships. The bearer complains of his vessel being unfit for present service - -	93
" "	Capt. Nich. Foster -	"	As the person on whose behalf complaint was made against him respecting the Phoenix on her last coming to Chatham has arrived, and been in London three weeks, and as the differences have been heard and disposed of by Dr. Bennett, a master in Chancery, and affidavits filed, hopes they will now restore him to his command.	94

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1655. July 20	Jas. Sharland, *Nightingale, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	When leaving the command of the Red Hart, was promised preferment, but is now only master in the Nightingale; having lately taken a French frigate, which it is believed will be employed in the service, asks the command of her.	Vol. 111. 95
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Plymouth.*	,,	Has stopped the leaks and well caulked the ship, and will get in the ballast, &c., and get to sea.	96
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for intelligence; has given Col. Clerke all he can in return. Capt. Vessey has gone to sea again. Blackborne's brother is very careful and diligent.	97
,, ,,	,, ,,	Navy Com^{rs}	Arrival and departure of ships. The Saphire has brought in two bankers and a Frenchman with wine, brandy, &c., bound from Nantes to St. Christopher, and the Nightingale a French double shallop man-of-war and a French frigate from Cape de Verd, with 4,000 hides and 22 elephants' teeth.	98
,, ,,	,, ,,	Robt. Blackborne.	Particulars of ships. The Muster has been delayed on account of the heavy rains; 5 prizes have been brought into the Sound by the Saphire and Nightingale, one of which will make a good man-of-war. Capt. Vessey has put to sea again, having brought in his prizes in very good condition; desires order for the sale of the two bankers taken by Capt. Heaton and the others, so as to save their ladings from spoiling, and ease the great charge to the State. With depositions by Peter Martensen, captain, and Jacob Jansen, mariner, of the Cross of Jerusalem, that the ship was bound from St. Malo to Spain with 150 bales of goods, on account of certain Frenchmen, but when on the coast of France, was taken by Capt. Thos. Sparling, and brought into Plymouth. 13 July.	99–101
,, 21	Capt. Mic. Nutton, *Satisfaction, Chester.*	Adm. Com.	Landed Lord Hen. Cromwell and his family at Dublin on the 9th inst., and then had orders from Lord Deputy Fleetwood and the Council there to return to Chester for money, but as he cannot hear of any coming down, desires further orders.	102
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Star Inn, Oxford.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has been to Oxford and made a beginning of the business, and asks them to ascertain from Mr. Chamberlain, the purveyor of timber at Woodstock, how many trees he felled in Hemsgrove, Queen's and High Parks.	103
,, ,,	J. Fowler, *Fairfax.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Stephen Woolgate, boatswain's mate of the Fairfax, for a boatswain's place in a new frigate building at Chatham; he was recommended by the vice-admiral and others.	104
,, ,,	Capt. Math. Browne, *Wren pink, Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying between the isles of Salters and Lundy, by order of the Lord Deputy and Council of Ireland, but was compelled to come in for repairs; unless some cost is bestowed, the ship will not be fit for service this winter.	105
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to discharge the Sea Adventure ketch, come into Portsmouth from Gen. Blake's fleet -	106
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve.*	Adm. Com.	Being off Scilly, took a Frenchman with fish from Newfoundland, bound for Rochelle, and having manned her, has sent her for England.	107

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1655. July 21	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice, Burlington Bay.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying on the coast, and as there are no complaints of any men-of-war being about, has come in to repair and revictual.	Vol. 111. 108
„ 22	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	The Nightingale plying west, met a Dutch ship from the West Indies, having an Englishman on board, from whom Capt. Vessey took an account of the proceedings of the English fleet, which he sent to Capt. Heaton, and it is enclosed for the information of his Highness. The captain of the Grantham told the Englishman that his ship and other frigates were left upon the coast to observe the motion of the enemy, but that the fleet was gone to Jamaica; also that the adventurers to the West Indies are very angry that they are debarred trading with the plantations. Reports will multiply the loss, as it is already current here that 1,200 men are slain, and the fleet quite beaten off.	109
„ „	Capt. John Bourne, *the Lyme, Downs.*	„	Arrival of ships. Sends a letter received from a Virginia ship, who met the Reserve and Winsby off Scilly. Will victual the Elizabeth out of the Bristol, and sail for Portsmouth.	110
„ „	Capt. Phil. Gethings, *Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Only gave Robinson the Hopewell to secure the State's and his own interest, as he was going to sea, but his language and actions are alike. Desires he will not take any further interest in his lieutenant, as he is not fit for the employment. Is sorry he had so much trouble about the salvage. Begs him to keep the 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* received of Robinson, to defray charges. Some of the spice merchants coming from Norwich to Yarmouth in a boat threatened him very highly, that they would spend as much again as was in the boat, which was 1,000*l.*, but they would be revenged for the seizure, and that he would be no gainer, as they had license from the Protector to follow the law against him; will not be scared a jot so long as he acts justly.	111
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	Has come in to water and take 14 days' provisions for 80 men, supplied to the Bryer; also to change some stinking beer and other defective provisions, and to put 6 sick men on shore, one of whom has the small pox.	112
„ 23	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Particulars of ships. Account of disbursements for refitting the Reserve, 320*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.*, and for gunner's supplies 39*l.* 6*s.*; has drawn bills therefor on the Treasurer. Hears by a ship that met the Grantham that the fleet has left Hispaniola, and gone for Jamaica.	113
„ „	„ „	Col. Jno. Clerke.	The Nantwich must either have gone, or the service have been neglected. His Highness and Mr. Secretary's letters would speak more for him than he desires to do for himself; will dispatch the business in hand. The Constant Warwick and others are getting ready to sail.	114
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The captain of the Hare pink at Spithead is very inquisitive about her disposal. The Portsmouth will be ready to take in her 3 months' provisions next week, and the Hopewell pink has come in, and waits orders.	115

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1655. July 23	Capt. Rob. Mackey, *the Yarmouth, near Haesborough.*	Adm. Com.	Since coming from Scotland, has been ranging the seas northward, and met a Dutch flyboat of Amsterdam from Greenland; she reported that there were 24 sail of Frenchmen there, who had made a good fishing voyage, and would soon be ready to go home. Also chased two Dutch vessels which brought him to this place; after taking in water, will return to his station. Hears the Gainsborough and Advice are about Burlington Bay.	Vol. 111. 116
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Cranwill, *Hare, Spithead.*	,,	Hopes they received his letter announcing his arrival on the 18th; asks orders - - -	117
,, ,,	Capt. Lambert Cornelius, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Landed the money they ordered him to transport from Weymouth to Jersey, for pay of the soldiers there, and waits orders. Since the seizure of the Cornelian, two Brest men-of-war, of 16 and 18 guns, have lain off Jersey, attending his motions, as they know his station is on that coast.	118
,, 24	Capt. Abra. Algate, *Drake, Portland Road.*	,,	Has been convoying vessels by order of Capt. Hatsell, and come in with 3, one of which was nearly lost through a leak. Will see them to their ports, and return to his station near Seine Head.	119
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Begs the Admiralty Commissioners' order for his half year's salary, 135*l.*, as also for that of Mr. Vinson, the storekeeper, 20*l.* The Assurance has brought in a Dutch hoy, with salt, which the skipper admits belongs to Frenchmen; an order should be obtained for a speedy dispatch of Dutchmen thus brought in, by discharging the salt and giving them their freight, as it would encourage them to speak the truth.	120
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Wants a supply of deals; they are refreshing the painted works of the Rainbow and Resolution; as no gold is to be used, asks if they may use a gold colour. Noted that he is to use such colours as may be most convenient, and with best husbandry to the State.	121
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order for the Hare ketch at Portsmouth to be paid off, in proportion with the rest of the winter guard, and refitted and victualled for present service.	122
,, ,,	John Hathorne -	—	Answer touching pirates' goods, being his list of goods delivered him by Capt. Duckenfield, and disposed of at prices specified.	123
,, 25	Hugh Salesbury, *Portsmouth.*	Col. Jno. Clarke,	As the victualling of the navy is to be taken into the State's hands, and three Commissioners appointed for its management, begs employment under them at Portsmouth; from his long experience in such matters, can do good service. In the last 2 years, has lost his part in 5 ships by the French at sea, which has much impoverished his estate. Has solicited Capt. Hatsell to stand his friend, but fears Capt. Alderne will prefer Mr. Holt.	124
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *Weymouth pink, North Seas.*	Adm. Com.	Returned to the fishermen with 3 months' provisions from Scotland on the 20th instant, and found them in a very good posture; they had not been disturbed, and will bring the fishing to a close the end of next month, when he will go to Yarmouth Roads.	125
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Robt, Blackborne.	Particulars of ships. Is sorry to hear of the loss at St. Domingo, but hopes the Lord will make it up again.	126

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1655. July 25	Capt. Rich. Country, *Fame, between the Start and Dartmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Had orders from the Generals to sail for England with the Amity, and to assist him in convoying a Hamburgher seized by some of the fleet, which he has performed. The frigate, of which the Generals have made him commander, is French built, with 15 guns, and as she can carry 22, and row 16 oars upon occasion, she will make a complete man-of-war when her defects have been seen to.	Vol. 111. 127
,, ,,	Thos. Smith, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Would have attended the Commissioners to-morrow, but has to attend some county and parish business. Can say no more than is in his petition, and in the certificates from the auditors and accountant; the present collectors have no cognizance of the business beyond what their register contains, which the same accountant keeps; begs favourable dispatch.	128
,, ,,	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Comrs.	Contract for hire of the John ketch of Dover for 6 months, at 18*l.* a month - - -	129
,, 26	Adm. Com. -	Keeper of Bridewell.	Order to receive ——— Capell into his custody, and keep her until delivered by due course of law, for railing on the Admiralty Commissioners, and saying she would bring her children and lay them at their doors.	130
,, 27	Saml. Windis, *Grave Morrice, Leadenhall Street.*	Col. Thomson.	Complaints of the tyranny towards him, while purser and clerk of the Primrose, of Capt. Sherwin, who charged him with multitudes of passengers, for his own private ends; begs a ticket for his arrears, as Mr. Evatt, whom he employed the last voyage, has cleared all the accounts.	131
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Ask an estimate of the charge for painting the Rainbow and other frigates at Chatham - -	132
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order for building a small frigate at Deptford, with two decks and to carry 16 guns, for service among the sands.	133
,, ,,	Capt. John Bourne, *the Lyme, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships. Will sail westward and desire Capt. Young to act in his absence. The Amity has arrived with the Fame, a French frigate taken by Gen. Blake's fleet in the Straits; also with a Hamburgher, with French goods.	134
,, ,,	Capt. Rich. Country, *Fame, Downs.*	,,	Has come in with the Amity and a Hamburgher under his convoy, by order of the Generals, and waits orders. His ship is leaky.	135
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Pack, *Amity, Downs.*	,,	Particulars of the defective state of his frigate; asks orders as to the disposal of 5 or 6 sick and wounded men he brought from the fleet.	136
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Perceives he had the sad tidings respecting their friends before his came to hand. Capt. Vessey has taken a Brest man-of-war, and retaken a vessel of Plymouth, which this Brestman had captured. The Saphire, Assistance, and Nightingale are at sea, but the rest are in port. Asks news of the peace with France.	137
,, ,,	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	The master shipwright and his assistant at Chatham finding the Triumph so much damaged with shot, she has been docked, and on survey, it is estimated that it will cost 3,500*l.* to make her a serviceable man-of-war; as the amount is so considerable, desire their order before further proceedings are taken. With the survey.	138, 139

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1655.				Vol. 111.
July 27	Vice Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Tower Hill.*	Robt. Blackborne.	If Gen. Desborow and the Commissioners are at the chamber to day, begs assistance for Capt. Wm. Nesfield in procuring an order for the money appointed by bill from the Ordnance Officers, to be paid for freight of guns and stores to the Nantwich, and for shot brought from Bristol.	140
,, 28	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Particulars of ships; asks directions	141
,, ,,	,, ,,	Robt. Blackborne.	To the same effect	142
,, ,,	Capt. Jas. Ableson, *Mermaid, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Has come to England with the Pearl with a packet from Gen. Blake, and orders as to repairs much needed.	143
,, ,,	Capt. Ben. Sacheverell, *Pearl, Plymouth.*	,,	Came to England with a packet from Gen. Blake; overtook the Endeavour smack, which was sent from the fleet two days before, and kept her company to the Lizard. Has dispatched the packet by express, and desires orders to come up for repairs.	144
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Cranwill, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	The carpenters are in hand with the pink, and hopes to be ready to sail next Saturday. Asks what to do with 33 muskets, a suit of armour, and some powder and match he took from the Tories or Highlanders, which Gen. Monk told him to keep until further order.	145
,, ,,	Thos. Haiter, *Portsmouth.*	Edw. Hopkins, Navy Comr.	Sends a letter from Capt. Thorowgood, and will deliver the one for the captain of the Tiger when she comes in. Gave his to Mr. Tippetts, but neither he nor the master attendant had any orders for refitting [the Hare]. The Portsmouth has been refitted, and will sail the first wind.	146
,, 29	Isaac Holmes, master of *the Hopewell pink.*	Adm. Com.	Petition to be captain of the Hopewell pink, in which he has served since Jan. 1653–4, the captain, Lambert Cornelius, being removed into the Cornelian frigate, taken by him. With letter from Gen. Monk to Gen. Montague on his behalf.	147, 148
,, ,,	Isaac Holmes, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Begs employment, having served as master in the Hopewell pink 20 months, and done other service both by sea and land.	149
,, ,,	Capt. Peter Bowen, *Mayflower, Caldy Road.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends an order received at Cork Harbour to convoy to Lundy a vessel in which Lady Southwell was a passenger. After that, plied about, but his frigate getting foul, put into Caldy Road, where he tallowed and took in ballast; his provisions getting short, will sail this evening.	150
,, 30	John Barham, *Hampton Court.*	Col. Clarke, *Whitehall.*	Recommends Wm. Bates for employment as a cook in some frigate, he having so served 14 years, but been without employment for a year, his ship being laid up.	151
,, ,,	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for directions for the washing, tallowing, and revictualling of the Lyme at Portsmouth	152
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	Order for the paying off of the Amity and of the Fame, a prize sent home by Gen. Blake, and for them to be brought up to Woolwich and laid up.	153
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *the Bristol, Downs.*	,,	Has only 13 butts of beer of his last victualling; the rest stinks. Wants oars and boatswain's stores; as they could not supply them at Portsmouth, has written to Chatham.	154

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1655. July 31	Mayor and inhabitants of *Rye*.	Adm. Com.	Thanks for the order made on their petition for a convoy for their vessels. Beg that a vessel of 7 or 8 guns may be appointed to lie about the harbour, to convoy vessels to the Downs, or the Isle of Wight. They run more risk on the French coast than our own, as it is more infested with men-of-war, but a constant convoy might tend to prevent it.	Vol. 111. 155
,, ,,	Capt. Hatsell - -	[Robt. Blackborne.]	Wonders at his letter stating that Secretary Thurloe desires him to send any small tool with Mr. Maynard to carry the packet to Gen. Blake; having received his Highness's orders to impress a ship if none of the State's frigates were there, engaged the Nantwich to carry him, and hopes she is now nearly there.	156
Aug. 1	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Bristol*.	Navy Com^rs	Left the accounts of the number of trees in the part of Marylebone Park belonging to Major-Gen. Harrison in his office at London, but if their keys will fit his cupboard, they may be had; hopes to be there in 14 days. The trees in Wimbledon Park were valued at 30*s*. a load, besides the lop and top. Has hired a vessel to carry the timber at 30*s*. a ton, and she will take 20 tons; when loaded, will order her for Chatham, where timber is most wanted.	Vol 112. 1
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order to discharge the Endeavour ketch at Portsmouth on her arrival in the Thames, and grant the owners a bill for the time she has served.	2
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	Order to sell by the candle the old ships, vessels, and unserviceable provisions and stores at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, and Portsmouth, and give an account. Also to consider as to preserving some of the old sails at Chatham to make hammocks. With list of the ships, &c., for sale.	3, 4
,, ,,	,, ,,	Navy Com^rs and Navy Treasurer.	Order to send an estimate by to-morrow what money will be requisite to furnish provisions and stores (gunners' excepted) for 8,000 men at sea for 12 months, and for the like proportion of naval stores as are now in being; also what will be due for payment of the fleet at home, and of those with Gens. Blake and Penn to 1 Nov. next. Also an account of the debts of the navy. With their estimate as demanded, total 1,146,830*l*. Have been long working upon old stores, without recruits, on account of the high prices and scarcity of money, so that they are much exhausted, and large supplies will soon have to be made, for the present expense of the navy is very great.	5–7
,, 2	,, ,,	Navy Com^rs	Order for the officers at Chatham to proceed with the repair of the Triumph - - -	8
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	Order for the victuallers to provide 200 tuns of beer in ironbound casks, to be sent to Gen. Blake's fleet with the rest of the provisions and stores formerly ordered, in the merchant ships taken up therefor.	9
,, ,,	,, ,,	—	List of unpaid debentures given to 24 persons named for goods delivered and money disbursed for the State; total, 1,985*l*. 18*s*. 11¾*d*.	10
,, 3	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham*.	Navy Com^rs	Sends an estimate by Capt. Jno. Taylor, master shipwright, and Phineas Pett, his assistant, of the charge for repainting and regilding the Rainbow and other ships named; suggests the non-gilding to save charge. Wants white oakum for caulking.	11, 12

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1655. Aug. 3	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Has done his utmost to apprehend the 3 smiths and the others who embezzled the ordnance and iron, and employed the constables, Mr. Hill the searcher, and the lieutenant of the company quartered in the town, but without effect; if he does not succeed next week, will send up the others concerned, with the examinations. Asks orders as to painting, gilding, and repairs of ships.	Vol. 112. 13
” ”	Navy Comrs. - -	”	Send an estimate by Mr. Pett for painting the ships at Chatham. Look on such charges as unnecessary, and like feathers in fantastic caps; have abated $\frac{1}{2}$ of what was formerly allowed, and now hope there will be another halving, as 80*l.* should serve for painting a second rate ship.	14
” ”	Major N. Bourne, *Harwich.*	”	The engineer is much discouraged; he cannot carry on his work so far from shore through the rough weather. Asks an order to send the guns of the President up to the Tower, as they are in a leaky hulk, and must be hauled on shore. There are no State's ships at Harwich at present. Has sent to enquire about the timber trees.	15
” ”	Geo. Waymond, *Hopewell pink, Portsmouth.*	Rich. Bury, Com^{r} of Excise, *Broad St., London.*	As Capt. Lambert Cornelius is to be removed to the command of a frigate he took from the enemy, begs the commander or master's place in the Hopewell, or some employment on shore; the captain is hard, and if he takes a prize, he divides between himself and the master, who is his brother, what should belong to the company. With two notes by Capt. Rich. Bury, Commissioner of Excise, in Waymond's favour, as being a Weymouth man, a countryman of Capts. Marten and Cuttance, now with Gen. Blake, and as able and stout as any in the fleet.	16, 17
” 4	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for the navy victuallers to send the money due to Gen. Blake's fleet in lieu of beverage in specie, instead of by bills of exchange.	18
” 5	[Geo.] Kendall -	—	Account of boatswain's stores embezzled out of the Recovery - - - - - -	19
” 6	Josiah Chee, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Will observe their orders concerning payments, but the paying of the Winsby and the Yard amounted to 2,593*l.* 8*s.* 5*d.*; had only 900*l.* of the State's, the rest being advanced by himself and friends. Has since paid off the Hare ketch, and advised the Treasurer what bills he has drawn; but having sent them to Southampton, Chichester, &c., it may be some weeks before they are returned and he is reimbursed.	20
” ”	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Send letters concerning the Tiger and Brest frigates, and desire order as to fitting them out for sea.	21
” ”	” ”	”	Account of boatswains' and carpenters' stores required as a further supply to Gen. Blake's fleet.	22
” ”	” ”	”	Begs an order to the Customs' Commissioners to pass the necessary money, ordered in specie, for Gen. Blake's fleet.	23
” ”	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Navy Treasurer.	Order for paying off the Cardiff, lately arrived from the West Indies, and for laying her up at Portsmouth.	24
” ”	” ”	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to stay the sale of the Pelican prize at Portsmouth, so that she may be used, as requested by Capt. Hatsell, as a hulk at Plymouth, if they think her fit.	25, 26

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1655. Aug. 6	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs	Order for refitting the Tiger at Portsmouth, and victualling her for 3 months; also the Cornelian of Brest, taken by Capt. Cornelius, who, with his men, has been shifted into her out of the Hopewell pink.	Vol. 112. 27
" "	" "	"	Order for shipping a quantity of spikes, nails, and other ironwork mentioned, for Gen. Blake's fleet in the Straits.	28
" "	W. Holt, mayor, Thos. Mullins, notary public, *Portsmouth.*	—	Certificate that Dan. Bradley of Gosport and 3 others deposed on oath that they have inspected several packs of wet linen cloth in the Hare in the Field of Middleburg, riding at Portsmouth, and think it will be damaged if not soon disposed of.	29
" 7	" "	—	Like certificate relative to some oils and tobacco in the Orange Tree of Enchuisen	30
" "	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs and Treasurer.	Order for paying off the Nicodemus, and her speedy refitting at Deptford	31
" "	" "	Navy Comrs	Order for revictualling the Bristol at Portsmouth for 4 months	32
" "	" "	"	Order to discharge the William dogger at Deptford, and grant the owners a bill for the time she has served.	33
" "	" "	"	Order for the victuallers to supply the Drake with 3 months' victuals at Harwich.	34
" "	Rich. Creed, *Whitehall.*	"	The Admiralty Commissioners want a certificate of the sum to be sent in specie to Gen. Blake, that they may write to the Customs Commissioners to pass it. Have heard from Capt. Harris of his safe arrival at Barbadoes with the Great Charity, and of his seizing a Hollander going to trade with the Carribee Islands.	35
" "	Rich. Menlove	Adm. Com.	Petition for increase of salary and a gratuity; served under Coytmor and Blackborne as clerk to the Admiralty Commissioners. His family are ill, and he cannot obtain 100*l.* due to him as one of the life-guard under the Earl of Denbigh. With order to grant him 20*l.* as a gratuity for extraordinary pains the last year, and an increased salary of 70*l.* a year.	36, 37
" 8	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs and Treasurer.	Order for the paying off of the Success at Deptford, and a survey as to whether she ought to be refitted or laid up.	38
" "	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	Report on the petition of Capt. Thos. Bunn of the Greyhound, as to his exceeding the usual rate for victualling his ship while in Scotland by $1\frac{1}{2}$*d.* a day, that as Capt. Orton of the Sun when there exceeded his by $1\frac{1}{4}$*d.* a day, which was allowed, and as the provisions could not be had at a cheaper rate, Bunn should have the allowance also.	39
" "	Edm. Curle, *Sparrow pink, Lee Road.*	Navy Comrs	Wants cables, sails, and some beer, as what he has on board is not fit to drink	40

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1655. Aug. 9	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the Pearl and Mermaid at Woolwich, and survey them as to whether they ought to be refitted or laid up.	Vol. 112. 41
,, ,,	Edm. Ball - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the gunner's place in the Providence, or one of the new frigates. With certificate of Capts. Simon Orton, Hen. Pack, and Thos. Thompson, that he has served all through the wars, and lastly in the Half Moon.	42, 43
,, ,,	Margery, widow of Ambrose Dinnison.	,,	Petition for release from liability under a writ issued by the Navy Commissioners against her late husband, for the purchase of the John Baptist, and for an order to the Navy Commissioners to take the ship again for the use of the State, as she has no money. With reference to the Navy Commissioners; their report, 15 Aug., that she ought herself to resell the vessel and repay the money, and then she might be considered, or they be ordered to resell it; and order of the Admiralty Commissioners, 21 Aug., that either she or they sell it, provided she will satisfy the State for the damage.	44–46
,, 10	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Hopes the accounts, receipts, and bill of exchange for 320*l.* came to hand. Sends more accounts, amounting to 449*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.*, for which he has charged a bill on the Treasurer, and desires early payment. The Bryer came in from the French coast to stop a leak, and has gone into the Road. Asks for the Pelican prize at Portsmouth to use as a hulk, as the one he has is too small. Has charged another bill of 28*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* for gunner's stores for the Assurance, which has sailed to Gen. Blake; sent the accounts to the Ordnance Office.	47
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Morley *of the Jonathan and Abigail of London.*	Jas. Barthrum, merchant of *London*, part owner.	Power of attorney to receive all wages and freight due to him in relation to the said ship - -	48
,, ,,	Thos. Shewell -	Navy Com^{rs}	Fras. Willoughby, when there, freighted a ship belonging to Capt. Peterson, at 30*s.* a ton, to fetch timber from Sidney, Dean Forest, and carry it to Chatham, and ordered Mr. Aldridge to deliver the timber to Peterson at Lydney; but that not being a safe place, Peterson refused to receive it there, and employed barges to bring it to Hunger Road. As Aldridge refuses to deliver it there, desires an order to him to do so. Begs that a bill of exchange, drawn on Mr. Hutchinson, may be met.	49
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Will lay up the Cardiff and take out her guns and stores, and send the Tiger into the Road as soon as her ballast and guns are in, to receive her provisions, as her men will give no attendance while they can get on shore. The victualler promises diligence in dispatching the Bristol and the rest.	50
,, 11	Geo. Woodward, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Begs influence with the captains of the Lyme and Tiger, to procure him employment as a midshipman.	51
,, 13	,, ,,	,,	To like effect - - - - - - - - - - -	52

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1655. Aug. 13	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs	Is hastening the fitting out of the merchant ships which are to carry the provisions southward, and they will be ready to take in the bread on Wednesday. Hopes they will not have to wait a month or more for the London ships, like the Mary flyboat. Desires orders for the Saphire to wash, tallow, and victual. The Cardiff's men will finish their business to-morrow; will then order them for London, but there will be some stir for want of their conduct money. The Tiger and Cornelian will go out to-morrow, and the Bristol during the week.	Vol. 112. 53
" "	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Cornelian, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has received their orders, and will sail for Spithead	54
" "	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^rs	Order for refitting the Saphire at Portsmouth, and victualling her for 6 weeks	55
" "	" "	"	Order for painting the Rainbow and 3 others at a cost of 135*l.*, according to the return made by the officers of the yard at Chatham.	56
" "	" "	"	Order to give all possible dispatch to the victualling ships going to Gen. Blake's fleet, and to ship therein 60 pair of rudder irons for boats, and 20 dozen leather scuppers.	57
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to suspend payment of the wages due to Capt. Jno. Smith, Jas. Jenifer, clerk of the check, and Rich. Sibley, steward of the Success, for having made out and signed false tickets and books for payment of the ship's company, borne a greater number of men than were allowed by the establishment, neglected to see the clothes duly issued, &c., &c.	58
" "	Navy Comrs.	Adm. Com.	As the Bachelor, appointed for carrying provisions to Gen. Blake's fleet, is ready to sail from Gravesend, and the Jonathan and Abigail from Portsmouth, desire orders to their commanders whether to sail together or apart from Portsmouth.	59
" "	" "	"	It will be more advantageous to sell the Pelican prize at Portsmouth than to alter her into a hulk and send her to Plymouth, as desired by Capt. Hatsell.	60
" "	John Major	—	Survey of the damage done to the masts, yards, sails, and hull of the Endeavour ketch	61
" "	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^rs	Desires order to send up a great topmast and fish, as they have lain there 3 years. Has sent up a cable and anchor which the Phœnix lost off Folkestone, having offered them to several of the State's ships who refused them, as being too much worn.	62
" 14	Adm. Com.	"	Order for directions to the master shipwright at Portsmouth, to make room in the Bristol for stowage of 200 barrels of powder for Gen. Blake's fleet.	63
" "	Mat. Browne, late commander of the *Centurion.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for command of the Half-Moon, Gift, or some other ship, the Centurion being made a fire ship; served through the late wars. With certificate by Lord-Deputy Chas. Fleetwood that he was appointed to serve on the coast in the Wren pink, and has been very diligent in observing orders.	64, 65

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1655. Aug. 14	Edw. Mundy, *Woodbridge.*	Navy Comrs	On orders from Commissioner Pett to buy any plank and timber fit for the service,—plank at 3*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.*, timber at 2*l.* 1*s.* 0*d.* a load, to be delivered free of charge,—has bought 200 loads of Capt. Turner and Mr. Folgier; has 100 or 200 more loads formerly contracted for, which would have been delivered if his hoy had not been engaged by Capt. Taylor to go to Walderswick, where she was cast away; has now provided another. Has drawn a bill of exchange on them for 500*l.* for the merchants, and desires payment.	Vol. 112. 66
,, 15	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	,,	Capt. Heaton of the Saphire has come in, having taken two Frenchmen laden with oil. He fought with another, killed one man, wounded 7, and did much damage to her masts, rigging, and sails, but was forced to leave her on account of the weather; his prizes have put into Helford. The Portsmouth and Expedition have also come in through the storm, having sprung their masts and damaged their sails; will furnish and dispatch them.	67
,, 16	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order to make out a bill to Rich. Hill for 8*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*, disbursed by him and Mr. Whitton for travelling charges in summoning persons accused of embezzling stores.	68
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	Order to dispatch the ships in the river with provisions for Gen. Blake's fleet to the other at Portsmouth, whence they are to sail. Also to certify whether those in the river have stowage for 200 barrels of powder above the proportion already shipped.	69
,, 17	Moses Harding, *Deal.*	,,	Endeavoured to obtain his place of gunner in the Winsby, but as the Vice-Admiral has appointed another and told him to hold it until further order from Whitehall, asks instructions.	70
,, ,,	Capt. Charles Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Particulars of ships. Asks if the ships when cleared from the dock are to remain in harbour or be sent out. Has sent the Cardiff's men to London, having received all her rigging and necessaries into the stores; the boatswain and his servant are borne upon her until further order.	71
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	The Bachelor, one of the ships with provisions for Gen. Blake's fleet, sailed from Gravesend some days since. The Jonathan and Abigail will be ready the first wind, and the Hannibal is in hand. It will be no advantage to keep the others at Portsmouth upon demurrage till the Hannibal arrives, as she is of considerable force, carries 36 guns, and will require some time to dispatch. Beg a warrant to the victuallers for shipping the money to be sent in specie.	72
,, ,,	Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Comrs	Repairs and victualling of ships - - - - - - - - -	73
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	,,	Order to ship a quantity of deals, plank, sails, cables, cordage, and spikes in the victualling ships to be sent to Gen. Blake's fleet.	74
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Particulars of a survey of the Pearl, Mermaid, and Amity; recommend that they be docked and repaired.	75
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	Send a survey of the Success at Deptford; as she can be made serviceable for 250*l.*, recommend her refitting. With the survey by Thos. Scott and 3 others, 16 Aug.	76, 77

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1655. Aug. 18	Capt. John. Petersen, *Bristol.*	Capt. Fras. Willoughby.	The discouragements mentioned do not proceed from disaffection on the part of himself or his part owners, but because he found he could not ship the timber at Lydney, and having sent 3 trowes to fetch and bring it to the ship at Hunger Road, the agent there, Mr. Aldridge, refused to send it without order, and thus increased the time and charge. Will go up with his ship as near the Pill of Lydney as he can, so as to get the timber on board with trowes and a float, and hopes to complete it in 5 days, although he is put to unexpected and great charge thereby.	Vol. 112. 78
„ „	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Cornelian, Spithead.*	Navy Comrs	Is going for Weymouth and thence to Jersey with the money for pay of the soldiers - -	79
„ „	Nich. Blake and 2 others, *Minehead.*	„	Send a receipt by Thos. Shewell for 6 iron guns from Jno. Bond, sen., of Minehead, by order of the Admiralty Commissioners.	80
„ 19	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	Cannot give him the information required before Tuesday, when he will send it by express; Morley's ship can take little more, as her hold is taken up with bread rooms; she has not yet arrived.	81
„ 20	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Have had a survey of the Nicodemus by the officers at Deptford; she is old and defective, and not worth the charge of repair.	82
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough, Flamborough Head.*	Navy Comrs	Wants beer, having lost much by leakage; also cables, sails, &c. With note to ask the Admiralty Commissioners to let them know where he is, and he shall have the things sent.	83
„ „	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Portsmouth.*	„	Cannot make room for any quantity of sails and cordage, having taken in 400 barrels of powder. Supplied the Lyme and others with beer, &c., while in the Downs; desires a recruit, that he may sail with his full proportion for 4 months.	84
„ 21	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Desire that the Hannibal, Bachelor, and Jonathan and Abigail with provisions for Gen. Blake's fleet may be dispatched with all speed; also that they will confer with Col. Montague as to bringing in the timber from Walwood Forest, lately viewed by Mr. Hopkins and Capt. Alderne, to prevent further embezzlement.	85
„ „	„ „	„	Send orders and a letter [in short hand] to Commissary-Gen. Whalley as to providing a convoy for the Bristol at Portsmouth, bound with provisions and pieces of 8 to Gen. Blake's fleet, and desire they will give directions for sending the money to Portsmouth.	86, 87
„ „	„ „	„	Order for the repair of the Mermaid, Pearl, Success, Amity, and Hopewell pink. - - -	88
„ 22	Robt. Blackborne -	Edw. Hopkins.	The Admiralty Committee ask what quantity of powder the Hannibal and the two other ships at Portsmouth can carry for Gen. Blake's fleet; the Bristol has taken 300 barrels.	89
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	The Hannibal has been delayed by the victuallers, but will soon be dispatched. The commander of the Bachelor at Deal will lose no time in getting to Portsmouth.	90
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Comrs	Will ship what they have ordered in the Bristol and Jonathan, and give them all dispatch. Details of ships.	91

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1655. Aug. 22	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Particulars of ships and their wants, and of what those bound for Gen. Blake's fleet will carry. Has examined the master and officers of the Lyme as to the damage done to the Hamburg prize in the Downs, which is estimated at 30*l.* or 40*l.* The prize would not move out of the way, although warned that the State's ships were coming in; if some course is not taken to regulate such inconveniences, much damage will ensue.	Vol. 112. 92
„ 23	Edw. Hopkins, *Navy Office.*	Blackborne.	The Hannibal can take 200 barrels of powder, the Jonathan and Abigail can carry the rest -	93
„ „	Lord-Deputy and Council of Ireland.	Capt. Rich. Cowes.	Order to sail with the Cat pink from Dublin to the Downs, and give notice of his arrival there to the Admiralty Commissioners.	94
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for the refitting of the Weymouth pink, and victualling her for 3 months - - -	95
„ „	Thos. Meech, Wm. Bostock.	„	Survey of deals belonging to Edw. Whitton, of Rochester - - - - -	96
„ 24	Robt. Grassingham, *Harwich.*	„	Particulars of the proceedings of Robert Willis, a diver, in endeavouring to recover some guns, &c., from a wreck, but retarded through the weather; desires order as to continuing the search.	97
„ „	Robt. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	„	Desires an account for the Admiralty Commissioners, of all the stores and provisions put on board the 3 merchant ships bound for Gen. Blake's fleet.	98
„ „	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Desire order as to supplying Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, commander of the Gainsborough, with beer, sails, and other stores.	99
„ 25	„ -	„	Account of stores and provisions put on board 3 merchant ships for Gen. Blake's fleet - -	100
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends a bill of lading of provisions shipped by Capt. Thos. Morley in the Jonathan and Abigail for Gen. Blake. She is waiting for the remainder, as are the Bristol and Tiger, but the victualler promises all dispatch. Mr. Everard refuses to sign the bill of lading unless he is paid his freight.	101
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	„	To see that 200 barrels of powder are put on board the Hannibal by the Ordnance Officers, and to forward orders enclosed to her commander, Capt. Haddock, as to his sailing.	102
„ „	Wm. Stribley - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for compensation for piloting the Endeavour ketch with dispatches to Gen. Blake, and his dispatches to the Protector, whereby he lost more lucrative employment. With reference to the Navy Commissioners, to make him the usual allowance.	103
„ 26	Jno. Salkeld, *the Colchester, Leith Road.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has been plying on his station between Bass Island and Tynemouth Bar, by order of General Monk, and lost a man and a long boat in a storm which forced them into Burlington Bay; has since been to Leith to revictual. Having disbursed some money for fresh diet for the sick men on board, desires order as to continuing of it.	104

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1655. Aug. 27	Col. Wm. Brayne, *Inverlochy.*	Adm. Com.	Sends receipts by John Waller, Geo. Rosse, and Jas. Morris, for stores received from Hen. Pardoe, boatswain, and Rich. Ginne, gunner of the Islip frigate cast away, and recommends them for their diligence in saving her goods and stores.	Vol. 112. 105–10
" "	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Never having rigged a second-rate ship, and not knowing the lengths and sizes of the cordage, asks a copy of Mr. Hayward's book, which may serve for the ships building at Deptford.	111
" 28	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	"	Asks a name for the frigate building by Phineas Pett at Chatham, as she will soon be ready to launch. Has granted Mr. Maplesden a bill for 500*l.*, and begs its payment; he is much discouraged for want of money, having taken up hundreds of pounds to supply provisions, and may give up the employment if not assisted. Has apprehended a man stealing iron from the yard, and sent him to Maidstone Gaol.	112
" "	RogerCarlisle, Oliver Williams, Saml. Shambrooke.	—	Account of defective arms received from Exeter, Dartmouth, Plymouth, Pendennis, and the Mount, total 3,929.	113
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to imprest 100*l.* to Major Jno. Miller, for the charges of a survey to be made of the ammunition and stores in the Tower, by Col. Jno. Barkstead, the auditors of the imprests, and the ordnance officers, Lieut.-Col. Fras. White, Major Jno. Miller, and Capt. Edw. Allen.	114
" "	" - -	"	Order for a bill for the pay and entertainment due to Jno. Fowler, Judge Advocate of the fleet, at 8*s.* a day.	115
" "	Philip Evatt, clerk of the check of *the Primrose.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for payment of his salary and imprest bills. When at Leith, took up 490*l.* for provisions for the ship, and although he furnished the steward with accounts and particulars when she was paid off, can get no redress; on application to the Navy Commissioners, was referred to them. With reference to the Navy Commissioners, and their report, 29 Aug., that he was not clerk of the check, but only deputy to Windis, but he ought to pass the account. As he refuses, and his prices are more than are allowed to the victuallers, the treasurer will not deliver his bill of imprest, nor the Navy Commissioners order payment of his salary until he does.	116, 117
" "	—	—	List of 50 prizes brought into Plymouth from 2 Aug. 1654 to 28 Aug. 1655, with the names of the masters and takers, and particulars of the lading; also note that Capt. Sparling took the Cross of Jerusalem of St. Malo, and appropriated some of her bales of linen.	118, 119
" "	Thos. Davis, Ralph Hunt, Christ. Betters.	Adm. Com.	Petition for their wages as gunner, boatswain, and carpenter of the Endeavour ketch in her voyage with dispatches to General Blake, in which they ran great hazard by her shipping water. With reference to the Navy Commissioners, to answer their desires as they shall see meet. Also certificate by Jno. Major in favour of Davis.	120, 121
" 29	Navy Comrs. -	"	Wish the hulk at Harwich, laden with the President's guns, sent up, she being leaky, and the guns wanted for the frigate. Also a name and officers for the new frigate built by Mr. Pett at Chatham.	122

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1655. Aug. 30	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Wants no more pitch from Deptford as there is plenty, but requires some glue. Signed the warrant for the painting and joiners' work to be done to the new ships and frigates.	Vol. 112. 123
" "	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order to contract with Wm. Greenley for the hire and freight of the William ketch, to attend the squadron in the Downs for 6 months, the State to man and victual, and furnish with ammunition, but Greenley to find guns.	124
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Hear from Mr. Pett at Chatham and the master assistant there that, upon a further survey of the defects of the Triumph, it has been estimated the repairs will cost 6,500*l.*; although this is almost doubling what was formerly demanded, yet consider it will be better to repair her than build another of her dimensions. With Pett's letter, 29 Aug., and survey by Capt. John Taylor and Phin. Pett, 28 Aug.	125–127
" 31	Vice Adm. Wm. Penn, *Swiftsure.*	Wm. Bowes	Warrant appointing him gunner of the Marigold - - - - - - -	128
" "	Geo. Kendall - -	—	Note that the steward of the Success should give an account of 30 barrels of tallow received from the Dolphin for the use of the fleet; as also the gunner, Robt. Warmouth, of 80 fathoms of cable.	129
Aug.	" - -	—	Account given in of carpenter's stores in the Cardiff by Mr. Jennings upon her coming into Portsmouth.	130
" "	———	—	Account of cordage and hemp in the stores at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, and Portsmouth.	131
" "	Edw. Leigh, *Downs.*	Col. Clarke	Asks employment as a lieutenant or clerk of the check, having been on board the Tredagh 4 months, through his letter of recommendation to Capt. Anth. Young, and gained the experience he wanted when recommended by Col. Sydenham for a lieutenant's place in the Dragon. Sends a certificate from his cousin Bowerman, deputy-governor to Col. Sydenham in the Isle of Wight; his present employment will not defray expenses.	132
" "	John Blabee - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for release from service, and a pension; has served 3 years, been married, and has a wife and diseased child. With certificate by John Bassett, mayor of Lynn, and Jas. Green, that he was in 5 engagements with the Dutch, has 4 children, and his wife Ann is in great distress.	132, 133
" "	Prize Com^{rs}, *London.*	"	Send the decisions of the Admiralty Judges respecting the following prizes, viz., the Orange Tree of Enchuisen, and the Hope, Patience, and Thirsty Heart of Amsterdam, all of which are to be discharged on payment of fees and other charges, save the goods of the latter, which are left undetermined.	134

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1655. Aug.	Prize Comrs., *London.*	Adm. Com.	The Admiralty Judges ordered the Paul, laden with French wines at Portsmouth, to be disposed of by Capt. Isaac Phillips, on security; he was to bring her to London at his own charge, and any delay therein must be laid upon the Commissioners of Customs, and not upon them. When she sailed, they ordered their officer to lock up the lading for the State's interest, and not to eclipse the judges' power. One of Capt. Phillips' sureties was found to be a prisoner for debt. Their officer on board continually importuned the coopers to look after leakage and other damage, but they always declined; he was always ready to let buyers see the wines, or to deliver them when sold. Have done no more than the Commissioners of Customs usually do, until customs are paid, or secured for the State.	Vol. 112. 135
Sept. 1	Navy Comrs. -	Gen. Robt. Blake.	Send accounts and bills of lading, &c., by Capt. Thos. Morley, Jno. Dymock, and Thos. Alderne, of provisions shipped in the Bachelor, Jonathan and Abigail, and Hannibal, for his fleet, and desire he will order their immediate clearing and dispatch on arrival, as if detained in unloading above 20 days, the State will have to pay demurrage.	Vol. 113. 1–7
„ „	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Cornelian, Weymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is waiting to transport Mr. King with the money for pay of the forces in Jersey, but he is not ready, through some mistake in the warrants. Wants his commission for the Cornelian.	8
„ „	Gen. Robert Blake, *George, Cascaes Road.*	Capt. Jno. Stoakes, *the Unicorn.*	Warrant to act as Rear-Admiral during the absence of Rear-Adm. Joseph Jordan, who has obtained leave to go to England on extraordinary business.	9
„ „	E. Hayward and 2 others.	Navy Comrs	Account of anchors wanting for the ships and stores at Chatham, as also for those being built by Capt. Taylor and Phineas Pett. With order by Comr. Pet. Pett, 5 Sept., to Mr. Loader to make them, and to keep to the sizes mentioned.	10
„ „	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Hears from his uncle, Comr. Pett, that the Admiralty Commissioners have appointed Tuesday for the launching, and hopes they will come down. Has received notice from Capt. Taylor to defer the works on the Triumph, save making moulds of her old body, to show the form of the new, in case she is to be rebuilt. Recommends Mr. Tunny, gunner of the Expedition, as boatswain for the new ship.	11
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the Elizabeth and lay her up at Chatham - - - - - -	12
„ „	„ -	Navy Comrs	Order to allow an increase of 10 men to the Bristol, about to sail to Gen. Blake's fleet - -	13
„ „	„ -	„	Order to pass the accounts of Philip Evatt for victualling the Primrose, and allow what was reasonably disbursed.	14

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1655. Sept. 1	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Send a letter from Capt. Robt. Clarke of the Bristol, of 30 Aug., complaining of the shortness and defectiveness of his provisions; desire they may be made good before he sails.	Vol. 113. 15, 16
„ „	Capt. Anth. Young, *Tredagh, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	The mayor of Rye informs that the Adviser pink, which was to ply between there and Dieppe, has been taken and carried into Boulogne, and desires that another may be appointed. The Drake would be fit, but as she is not near, the Elizabeth could deal with those rogues, if victualled; has ordered the Yarmouth to ply that way with all speed, although she is very foul.	17
„ „	„ „ -	Mr. Creed	To like effect. Begs for his brother, Benj. Young, a place in the frigate at Chatham, as gunner or as purser or clerk of the check. Wants an order for revictualling.	18
„ „	Capt. N. Heaton, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Will lose no opportunity to sail, and will touch at Plymouth for advice of the frigates, as also at other places to get men.	19
„ 2	Capt. Phil. Gethings, *Preston, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Wrote on 21 Aug. that he had been forced by foul weather into the Downs with two prizes. Has made an inventory of 59 chests of soap, 120 rolls of St. Christopher tobacco, and other things in the Frenchman, and delivered her, with her lading, to Capt. Young's brother. Convoyed some English ships to Havre de Grace and Caen, and then plied on his station, but has come in to change some bad provisions and beer. Has given notice to Capt. Sansum to look after a French frigate which is coming out, with a quantity of linen cloth bound for Spain.	20
„ „	Col. Wm. Brayne, *Inverlochy.*	„	Formerly sent the depositions as to the loss of the Islip frigate, and has since sent a vessel to bring away her rigging and 18 guns, which are stowed in Dunstaffnage Castle; encloses a list of the officers and men engaged therein, that they may receive satisfaction, as also Wm. Gardner, master of the Mary of Liverpool, for their passage over; having expended 43*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* about her, desires order for repayment. Sent another vessel for the rest of the guns and materials, but she could not venture near; if they order it, will try again the next spring tide.	21, 22
„ „	Capt. Anth. Young, *Tredagh, Downs.*	„	The Hopewell, off Scilly, spoke the Heartsease, which had lost the fleet; also a small frigate off the Start, which reported that part of Gen. Penn's fleet were without the Channel; hopes they are safe in port, there being much wind, and it being thick. The Elizabeth has sailed with 4 days' provisions, having supplied him with 2.	23
„ 3	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough, Burlington Bay.*	„	Has been plying at sea, and met with much tempestuous weather, which has done damage northward; has come in to wash and tallow, and will continue on the coast until it is fit to repair to the Downs. Formerly notified that a Hollander reported 60 sail of Frenchmen at Greenland, 50 of which had made great voyages, and would sail homeward the beginning of last month, going towards the back of Scotland, so as to be safe from our men-of-war.	24
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay off and lay up 20 ships named, belonging to Gen. Penn's squadron - - -	25

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1655. Sept. 3	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advice, Rolling Ground.*	Adm. Com.	Has received the money and all other necessaries on board, and will sail with the first wind	Vol. 113. 26
„ „	Jas. Mountjoy	„	Petition for payment of his wages as mariner in the Yarmouth. With certificate of Jno. Harrison and Wm. Saunders, bailiffs of Scarborough, that Mountjoy was sent on shore sick on 27 July, and, having recovered, desires to go to London without molestation.	27, 28
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	When the Commissioners are in earnest as to regulating the Prize Office, will not be unmindful of his brother. The Fagon has sent in a French prize with tobacco; hearing that another taken by the Lion, and having 35 men, was likely to be cast away at Torbay, has sent directions for bringing her into Dartmouth, or landing her men at the Isle of Wight. There has been so much foul weather and rain that it is feared the greater part of the harvest will be lost. Gen. Penn has passed eastward, and may soon be expected.	29
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thompson, *Yarmouth.*	Navy Com$^{\text{rs}}$	Has come in with 7 barks from Iceland, being all that were then ready; called at the Orkney Islands, Caithness, and Shetland, and found all well.	30
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	To the same effect	31
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Delivered the letters sent. The Lyme and Saphire are waiting for a wind, but the Jonathan and Abigail and Bachelor have sailed. Has been on board to Gen. Penn, who is ordered to bring about the fleet, and he has ordered each commander to send in what they want of a fortnight's provisions, which Mr. Ridge, the State's agent, has promised to supply; but the General will supply them with beer out of the Lyme frigate rather than detain the fleet. Recommends a poor man, formerly mate to Capt. Peirce, and who has lost a leg, as boatswain of the Hopewell.	32
„ 4	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Weymouth.*	Navy Com$^{\text{rs}}$	While waiting to transport the money to Jersey, the ship's company,—who mostly belong to Weymouth, are very poor, and have large families,—have subscribed to send up Thos. Danell with their tickets; hopes it will not be in vain.	33
„ „	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *the Bristol, near Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is only waiting for a wind. Has not yet recruited his meat; some men are much displeased because he gave an account of their abuses.	34
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	Has received theirs, relating to the exchange of Capt. Country for Capt. Turner, and has promised Turner freedom, if he can get any friend to be engaged with him that Country shall have his liberty as soon as Turner comes into France. Capt. Potter of the Constant Warwick has taken a Frenchman with dry fish, and fought another, full of men and having 22 guns, for several hours, but night coming on, they parted, and as he lost her so suddenly, thinks she has sunk. His masts and sails are so much damaged by shot, as to be unfit for service; will use all diligence in refitting. Is also in hand with the Nightingale.	35

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1655. Sept. 4	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Boarded a Frenchman from Newfoundland with fish, and chased another with 22 or 24 guns from Greenland for 6 hours, and engaged with her for 4, during which she fought very stoutly; but a violent storm coming on, and having to bring his own ship by the lee to stop leaks, having received some unhappy shots under water as well as above, lost sight of her; she was very much torn, and received 4 shots to her one, they being so close together that they touched; thinks she sunk in a storm. Had one man killed outright and 10 wounded; the boatswain lost his arm and another his leg.	Vol. 113. 36
„ „	Capt. Phil. Gethings, *the Preston, Spithead.*	„	As to the complaint of the skipper of the Thirsty Heart, did remove goods out of his ship into his own, but it was done with the knowledge of the Prize Commissioners, and upon his promise of being responsible for them. Neither himself nor company committed any abuse towards the skipper, whose imprisonment was ordered by the Prize Commissioners, because he refused to take the oath or be examined; his being unable to get to Rouen with his oranges and lemons was through drink. Dutch seamen who have Frenchmen among them, as well as the merchants, make it a trade now to father Frenchmen's good, insomuch that if one of our men should take but an old shirt or a pair of stockings, the Dutch will make a great complaint, and own them to be their goods.	37
„ „	„ „	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends the above. The company of the Thirsty Heart admit they have not received any damage, and the Prize Commissioners had an account of the goods taken out; will have them and the skipper before the mayor, and then send a further account. Will come in to tallow when his provisions are out.	38
„ „	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Send extract of a letter from Gen. Penn, saying that there is a new channel grown near the Flats and the old one choked up, and not one there able to judge whether it is safe for the large ships, some drawing 18 feet, to pass it, and desiring that Ponnett and some other Chatham pilots may be ordered to meet him in the Downs and carry the fleet about the Swin. Ask that the clerks of the survey and others may be ordered, upon the arrival of ships in the river and at Chatham, to take an account of the remains of the boatswains and carpenters' stores, to prevent the many frauds which will be endeavoured by the respective officers.	39, 40
„ „	„ „	„	Order to grant a bill for 4*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* to Abr. Pearce, late master of the Sea-Adventure, for his expenses in going to Portsmouth to take charge of the ketch, and bringing back a packet from Gen. Blake.	41
„ „	Thos. Pointer -	Col. Clarke.	Begs employment; was clerk of the check in the Resolution, then went into the Swiftsure and Assurance, and was promised the same position in the Naseby, had she gone to sea.	42
„ 5	Capt. N. Heaton, *Saphire, Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Went out of Portsmouth Harbour yesterday, but could not put to sea on account of the wind. Is under sail and will try to get men (wanting 30) and proceed to his station, calling at Plymouth to take in the rest of his provisions.	43

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1655. Sept. 5	Christ. Pett and Sam. Raven, *Woolwich.*	[Navy Comrs.]	A new platform is necessary under the sweep of the new crane now building in the yard, 50 feet long and 10 feet broad, and until the same is completed, no provisions can be taken in that way.	Vol. 113. 44
" "	Robt. Rawlins, *Barber Surgeons' Hall.*	"	Has seen the petition of Edw. Stanthwaite, surgeon of the Success, charging the masters and wardens with detaining the allowance for his medicine chest, but they have no money of his in hand; the 8*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* ordered to be paid as free gift and imprest money was paid to Sunnybanck Giles, the surgeon appointed by the master and wardens to the Success, whom the captain refused to accept, and retained Stanthwaite; Giles is servant to Mat. Lynde the surgeon, and is in the fleet. With Rawlins' certificate, 15 Sept., to the same effect; also certificate of Jno. Smith and Jas. Jenifer, 15 Sept., that Stanthwaite recruited his medicine chest at Naples during the last voyage at his own expense; also notes of what was allowed to surgeons of sundry ships named.	45–48
" "	Aug. Aldridge -	Navy Com^{rs}	Account of timber shipped by him in the Fortune at Lydney Pill, co. Gloucester, to be brought to the Mersey or where the Navy Commissioners shall appoint, according to an agreement with Commissioner Willoughby. With receipt for the same by Capt. Jno. Peterson.	49
" "	Capt. Anth. Young, *Tredagh, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Account of his victuals. Sends statement of the boatswain of the Adviser pink, respecting her capture off Boulogne, and of the master's mate of a pink with coals taken by the Lewis of Boulogne, that the impudency of these rogues may be seen. Will proceed to Portsmouth to clean and victual as ordered, and leave Lieut. Terne in command. Hears Gen. Penn's fleet is about sailing from St. Helen's. With particulars of the victuals in ships named.	50–52
" "	Capt. Giles Shelley, *the Colchester, Tynemouth Bar.*	"	Wants a boat, which should be sent to the garrison at Bass Island; lost his in the great storm, and Scotland will not afford one, or anything else good for shipping, unless at great rates. His station is between St. Abb's Head and Cocket Island; has continually to send ashore to Tynemouth Castle, for orders from Gen. Monk.	53
" "	Isaac Holmes, *Weymouth.*	"	The books of Capt. Lambert Cornelius, from Jan. 1653–4 to Jan. 1654–5, are all false, as men borne on them for the whole time were not in the pink half the time, and he has set men down as discharged who ran away, made tickets for their pay, and received the money himself; the clothes bill did not amount to 20*l.* Having served as master 21 months, Capt. Cornelius, hearing he had petitioned the Admiralty Commissioners for the command, gave him a certificate; but hearing afterwards that he had also kept an entry book, he was turned out when he returned to Portsmouth, and a boy put in his place. Asks the command, or the master's place in the new frigate at Portsmouth or some other vessel.	54
" "	Jno. Davies and 2 others, *Deptford.*	[Navy Comrs.]	The tonnage of the provisions sent from the stores at Deptford to the Hannibal, for supply of Gen. Blake's fleet, in sails, canvas, twine, cordage, tallow, pitch, tar, and ironwork, will amount to 56 tons.	55

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1655. Sept. 6	Major Jer. Tolhurst, *Carlisle.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Wants a protection from press for Hen. Anderson, who is his servant and factor, as well as a mariner.	Vol. 113. 56
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The General having ordered some beer to be taken out of the Lyme for present supply of the fleet, she will want 70 or 80 tuns, which the victuallers' agent will supply. The fleet will sail to-day; other ships named have already gone out.	57
„ „	Lieut. Thos. Milton, *the Lyme, Spithead.*	„	Received their order to sail for the Downs, but being ordered by Gen. Penn to deliver up all his beer for the fleet, there being none at Portsmouth, must wait for more. The Tiger with her two prizes sailed for the Downs on the 5th instant; the fleet will sail to-day.	58
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Comrs	Sends the Elizabeth's book. She will be at her moorings next tide, and the men will be at Deptford to-morrow for their money. Has dispatched the pilots to the Downs.	59
„ „	Capt. Rich Cowes, *Cat pink, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed from Dublin for the Downs, by order of the Lord-Deputy and Council of Ireland, on 25 Aug., with some goods of the Lord-Deputy, which he is to deliver to Mr. Blowfield at Wallingford House; upon arriving in the river, will attend their pleasure.	60
„ „	Wm. Smith, *Rope-yard, Woolwich.*	Navy Comrs	Certifies that there are 69 loads and 48 feet of timber in the yard, and 42 loads and 30 feet at Gravesend.	61
„ „	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *the Yarmouth, Dover.*	Adm. Com.	Has been detained from sailing for the French coast by contrary winds, but is now going with the Drake. Is short of provisions, and his ship is foul and unfit to keep at sea, having been 19 months in pay. Desires orders. The Tredagh has gone for Portsmouth.	62
„ 7	Phineas Pett, *Chatham Dock.*	„	Recommends Stephen Woolgate, boatswain's mate to Vice-Adm. Lawson, as boatswain to the new ship just built by him, which will shortly be launched.	63
„ „	Capt. Jno. Sherwin, *Primrose, near Holyhead.*	„	Has been cruising on the French coast, and seized some vessels with salt and wine, but they having no decks, and it being bad weather, did not think it convenient to venture the lives of his company in them, and turned them loose, bidding them pray for my Lord Protector and the Council; only made bold to take a little salt and wine for the use of his company. Order will be taken at Dublin for the adjudication of the two vessels from St. Ives. Came to Holyhead to carry Lord Deputy Fleetwood on his way to Wales, but his Lordship had sailed before he arrived. Would have taken two Brest men-of-war,—one being Capt. Swart in his new frigate of 18 guns,—if darkness had not favoured him, and the other if his masts had not become spent, which, with his defective pumps, renders him unserviceable until repaired; as this cannot be done at Dublin, must seek further.	64
„ „	Robt. Berkenshaw.	„	Petition to be purser in the Fagon, commanded by Capt. Thos. Elliot, where he is now steward; was in the wars with the Dutch, wherein he lost his leg.	65
„ „	Capt. N. Heaton, *Saphire, Plymouth Sound.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Will take in his victuals to-morrow. The frigates are all sent to other ports, except the Constant Warwick, and Nightingale, which are refitting in Catwater, and the Sorlings is in the Channel. Will endeavour to discharge his duty against the enemy, though his numbers for this service are very few.	66

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1655. Sept. 7	Capt. Gab. Saunders, *Tiger, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Set sail from Portsmouth Harbour with the Hare in the Field and the Medea prizes, for the Downs, and delivered them into the charge of the Commander-in-Chief; leaves them, with his disbursements, to consideration. Is going to his station, with a vessel under convoy, bound for St. Valery.	Vol. 113. 67
,, ,,	Edw. Larkin - -	Adm. Com.	Petition to have his dear-earned wages, or to know why they are detained. Has been faithful in all the late wars; served as gunner of the Mayflower from Nov. 1652 to April 1655, but only received 6 months' pay; he is arrested for debt, his goods seized for rent, and his wife and family turned out of doors.	68
,, ,,	Ordnance officers -	,,	Account of stores embezzled by Edw. Larkin, gunner of the Mayflower, amounting to 30*l.* 11*s.* 0*d.*	69
,, 8	Capt. Mic. Nutton, *Satisfaction, Beaumaris.*	,,	Received Lord Deputy Fleetwood and his family on board at Dublin on the 6th inst., to carry them to Ayr, but the wind changing to N.E., put into Beaumaris, from whence his Lordship went by land to Chester, willing him to return to Dublin and bring over his household effects to London. Has only a month's provisions, and his ship is very foul, but will sail with the first wind. Capt. Sherwin, of the Primrose, and Capt. Coleman, of the Wexford, formerly the Fleetwood, came in with him.	70
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *the Portsmouth, Spithead.*	,,	While on the French coast, met a ship of Rotterdam from Newfoundland, bound for Newhaven, and as she was partly manned by Frenchmen, and may be on the account of French merchants, has brought her in. The skipper reports that the Reserve and Winsby have taken 18 French bankers.	71
,, ,,	Lieut. Thos. Milton, *the Lyme, Spithead.*	,,	As the remains of his beer on board stunk, gave notice to the victualler's agent and contractor, but as they could not supply any for 14 days, and promised it should be furnished from Dover, is now under sail for the Downs. The Portsmouth has come in with a Flemish ship, laden with fish, having many Frenchmen on board.	72
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne	To the same effect - - - - - - - - - - -	73
,, ,,	Major Wm. Burton, *Yarmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends Jno. Greave, pilot of the Plover, for more wages, as he only receives the same as a common seaman. Some men-of-war should be sent to make the Dutch fishermen lie further off; can see them from the walls, and they undo our fishermen, who are in a rage.	74
,, ,,	Edm. Barre - -	,,	Petition for a lieutenant's place, having served in the fleet for years, and lost his left arm. With certificate of Jno. Barnes that he served at sea 6 years, lost his arm in the Laurel, under Capt. Jno. Taylor, and has since served in the Guinea.	75, 76
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *the Bristol, off Salcombe.*	,,	Sailed from Yarmouth with the victualling ships and a hoy with goods for Lord Hen. Cromwell in Ireland, but the hoy appeared in no haste, as he had many of the goods spoiled, and bore up for the Island. Is now west of the Start.	77

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1655. Sept. 8	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *the Weymouth, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Having received three months' provisions, will sail with the first wind to gain the fishers, and take care of them.	Vol. 113. 78
,, ,,	Thos. Newberry, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Received 80 barrels of powder on 22 June from the Isle of Wight, and returned 28 of them on 29 July; of these parcels Capt. Hen. Farwell took charge, and defrayed the expense of transportation, but he never desired any certificate. Knows not what the charge amounted to.	79
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs and Treasurer.	Order to examine the time of the entry of the company of the Adviser, commanded by Capt. Zanchey, lately taken by a French man-of-war, and carried into Boulogne, and to pay them off up to the 6th inst.	80
,, ,,	,, -	Navy Comrs	Order to examine how the Islip frigate, commanded by Capt. Tarleton, came to be lost, and by whose default and negligence.	81
,, 9	Capt. Anth. Young, *Tredagh, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed for Dieppe, as ordered; took the Ambassador on board, came to the Downs, and hopes to land him to-morrow, and will then follow instructions, while his victuals will allow.	82
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *Yarmouth, Downs.*	,,	While convoying two vessels richly laden to Dieppe, was followed by a French man-of-war of 22 guns, but when she came up, she stood away westward; but for his convoys, had his frigate been clean, he might have made a good account of her. Is short of provisions, and what he has is so bad that the men much complain. The Drake is plying on the French coast.	83
,, ,,	Lieut. H. Terne, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Capt. Curle, of the Sparrow pink, has sailed with his convoys for Dieppe and Newhaven, and Capt. Robinson, of the Greyhound, with two prizes for London. The Swiftsure, with the rest of the squadron, have arrived, and gone for their respective ports. The Hare pink came in with some small vessels from Dunkirk, and 2 others; also the Tredagh with the Ambassador, who cannot land, owing to the weather.	84
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The Preston has come in, and the captain has come on shore sick; as she has only 8 or 10 days' provisions; asks orders. Details of ships.	85
,, 10	Capt. Geo. Daking -	—	Certificate that he employed the William ketch to press men for the West Indian fleet while riding at Portsmouth in Sept. 1654.	86
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Met Capt. Blagg of the Marston Moor between the Start and Plymouth, and sent notice by him of plying westward with the two victuallers; but the weather being violent, bore up for Plymouth. Has had his firehearth, which had not been laid 3 months burned through, and being partly over the powder store, they experienced a great mercy, but Capt. Hatsell will make it good, and furnish provisions.	87
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	,,	Received the relation of the West India proceedings; the will of the Lord be done. Perceives the prize affair is altered; hopes it may be for the best, as if we have war with Spain and France, it will require much care and pains. The Nightingale is waiting for a wind. The Bristol and other ships bound westward have been forced in by the storms. The Saphire has arrived, and Capt. Heaton has been brought on shore sick.	88

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1655. Sept. 10	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	As it is great trouble and charge to Jno. Tippetts, master shipwright at Portsmouth, to procure payment of his fee of 1*s.* a day, due since 1st April 1654, out of the Exchequer, and as the rest of the master shipwrights have their fees paid by the Navy Treasurer, desire he may be so paid.	Vol. 113. 89
" "	"	"	Have examined the captain and officers of the Islip as to her loss; cannot charge the blame to any one, yet think she might have been secured if they had anchored in the Bay before they came so far in; but as the place is so remote where she was lost, they cannot arrive at any satisfactory result.	90
" "	" "	"	Ask names for the two new frigates just built at Portsmouth and Woolwich, and whether they shall be launched the next springtide.	91
" "	Thos. Pointer - -	Robt. Blackborne.	Begs a letter of recommendation to Capt. Alderne, Col. Clarke having given him one - -	92
" "	Capt. Roger Jones, *Paradox*, [*Chester.*]	Adm. Com.	Brought from the north of Ireland some goods belonging to Col. Venables, and delivered them at Chester, delivered a prisoner charged with murder, to the mayor there by order of the Lord-Deputy and Council of Ireland; when cleaned and victualled, will return to his station at Dublin.	93
" "	Capt. Peter Foote, *Merlin galley*, *Portsmouth.*	"	Has sent the packet from Gen. Blake by express, and waits orders - - -	94
" "	Sy. Jorey, *Deal.*	Robt. Blackborne.	As the West Indian fleet has arrived in the Downs, begs remembrance on the re-establishment of pursers; the Muster Master's place for the Downs' squadron would be of much more acceptance, considering that age grows fast upon him.	95
" "	Jas. Hinde, gunner.	Adm. Com.	Petition for a gunner's place on the little new frigate at Deptford. With letter to Col. Clarke thereon, and note of 4 other ships, on any of which he might be gunner.	96–98
" "	Company of the *Cat pink.*	"	Petition for preferment of Jas. Hinde, their gunner. His experience was manifest at Bewett Castle, Scotland, as also in his burning another castle at his own cost. He also burnt a shallop with fireworks which lay sunk 3 tides, and the enemy could not prevent him, although within half-pistol shot of the castle; he behaved himself so well that the company marched close under the castle walls and off again, and only one man vulnerated. 26 signatures. Wth order for payment.	99, 100
" "	Adm. Com. -	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Jno. Owen for 34*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.* for pens, ink, and paper, &c., supplied to the Admiralty Commissioners, as per account enclosed.	101, 102

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1655. Sept. 11	Capt. Philip Gethings, *Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in through severe sickness, and recovery is doubtful. Will deliver up the goods taken out of the Thirsty Heart to the owners, to the last mite, as ordered; there was no ill-meaning in it, and for the future, if he lives, it shall be amended as to any goods that shall be taken between decks; but in fight, he never received any order to the contrary. Must come in, wanting provisions and new rigging.	Vol. 113. 103
„ „	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *the Yarmouth.*	„	Begs to be called in, having sprunk a leak and making 2½ feet of water every 2 hours; is out of provisions, and has been without pay as long as any ship upon his coast.	104
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor -	NavyComrs	Being tired of daily waiting, at great expense, again asks payment of wages earned at the hazard of life and limb; must else be content to lie in gaol, and his family to perish.	105
„ „	Capt. Robt. Blake, *the Hampshire, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	Has come over with Mr. Maynard, the agent, and having landed him, waits instructions, as ordered by Gen. Blake. Met the Sophia and Hector, and supposes they are now in the Channel.	106
„ „	Comrs. for sick and wounded, *Little Britain.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The necessities of the poor at Deal and Dover, who received the sick and wounded from the fleet, forces them to repeat their request for an order from the Admiralty Commissioners, or a letter from the Commissioners of Customs to their Sub-Commissioners at Dover, to pay what is expended on quarters there, which they will repay to the Cashier-General.	107
„ „	Major N. Bourne, *Navy Office.*	Navy Comrs	Will go to Chatham to-morrow with the Treasurer, and return on Saturday, the rather as some of them may be willing to journey next week.	108
„ „	Ordnance officers -	„	Issued out of the office, to be put on board the Hannibal, 200 barrels of gunpowder, which, allowing 15 to the ton, would amount to 13¾ tons.	109
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Washed and tallowed at Bridlington, and standing to sea, met the Peter flyboat of Rye, and as she had lost her mast in the late storm, towed her to Winterton; went to Harwich and procured cables and sails, but wanting beer, has come in.	110
„ „	Capt. Mich. Tarleton, *Liverpool.*	„	Capt. Jones of the Paradox has arrived and gone to Chester, with a prisoner he brought from Dublin; as his officers say they have come in to victual, desires orders.	111
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	The Norwich is launched, and the Greyhound has arrived from Ireland; there is only the Convertine on this side of Queenborough, of all the 6 ships appointed for Chatham; they went about by the King's Channel. Would have rejoiced to see some of their honours down.	112
„ „	Capt. Robt. Colman, *the Wexford, Chester Water.*	„	Was ordered by the Lord-Deputy and Council of Ireland to wait upon Lord Hen. Cromwell, then to go to Milford, and thence to Kinsale, where he victualled and tallowed, and returned to Dublin. Then waited upon the Lord-Deputy to Beaumaris, where he landed; then went to Chester Water to transport his goods, and waits orders. Is unfit for the winter guard, wanting girdling, graving, rigging, sails, &c.; can receive no supply at Chester.	113

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1655. Sept. 11	Capt. Anth. Young, *Tredagh, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Landed the Ambassador at Deal yesterday. Has ordered the Sparrow pink to Dieppe with a convoy; the Hare to ply between the Ness and Beachy, to seize on the small rogues that annoy the coast, and the Drake to ply between those parts and the French coast. The Gainsborough and Yarmouth have come in to victual. Will sail for Portsmouth to-morrow, and has left orders as formerly with the lieutenant of the Vice-Admiral to receive their commands. With account of provisions on board the Yarmouth.	Vol. 113. 114, 115
" "	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the company of the Islip, lately cast away, to 20 July, respiting the wages of the captain, master's mate, and pilot.	116
" 12	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *Greyhound, Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Begs orders; was desired by Commissioner Pett to remain, as he expected the Navy Commissioners down.	117
" "	Capt. Edw. Blagge, *Marston Moor, Spithead.*	"	Sends account of the condition of his ship, number of men, quantity of provisions, repairs needful, &c. [2 *copies.*]	118, 119
" "	Capt. Giles Shelley, *the Colchester, Tynemouth Bar.*	"	Anchored in Burlington Bay on the 8th with 12 colliers. Went on shore the next day, being Sabbath, to sermon, but could not return on board through a storm; next morning got on board and set sail. This is the first time he was caught; will beware of the next.	120
" "	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^rs	To enter a protest against the owners of the Hannibal, for not ordering her to sail with the State's provisions, according to contract.	121
" "	John Pitt, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Rich. Creed, Sec. to the Generals of the Fleet.	The Vice-Admiral arrived yesterday. The Tredagh has sailed for Portsmouth, and the Sparrow is going as convoy to Dieppe, so that there are only 4 ships in the Downs, two of which are very foul, and have well nigh made their bread and cheese even.	122
" "	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Particulars of ships. Desires they will send a first-rate frigate to cruise in the Downs, as there are a number of Ostend and Dunkirk ships, with Charles Stuart's commission, infesting the coast.	123
" "	" "	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks him to forward an inclosure, and remember him to Mr. Creed - - -	124
" 13	" "	Adm. Com.	Recommends his lieutenant, Hen. Terne, for command of the 5th-rate frigate lately launched at Chatham, Lieut. Browne to succeed him; also Lieut. Gilpin, of the Fairfax, for a command.	125
" "	" "	"	The Sophia and Hector have arrived from Gen. Blake's fleet in Cascaes Bay, Portugal, and the Hampshire came out with them, with a packet from the General, and has gone to some of the Western Ports. They report the fleet to be much in want of victuals; they have been several times in company of the Spanish fleet of 34 sail, but it did not offer them any violence. The Merlin arrived from the fleet 3 days before.	126

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1655. Sept. 13	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	To the same effect	Vol. 113. 127
" "	Rich. Hutchinson, Thos. Smith, Navy Comrs., *Navy Office, Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs^ *London.*	Arrived last night, but with some difficulty, through the failure of the wagons. None of the fleet have yet arrived, except the Greyhound, although some are in the river; will give them all dispatch when they come in. Ask orders as to the short allowance, to prevent disturbance.	128
" "	Adm. Com.	Navy Treasurer and Comrs.	Order to pay off the Greyhound at Chatham.	129
" "	" "	Navy Com^rs^	Order to make out a bill to Rich. Bass, merchant, for 306*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*, due to David Hechstetter, merchant at Hamburg, disbursed for the Elizabeth frigate.	130
" "	" "	"	Order to make out a bill to Jno. Tippetts for the arrears of his fee of 1*s.* a day as master-shipwright at Portsmouth, since 1 April 1654.	131
" "	" "	"	To launch the new frigates next spring tide, to christen that at Woolwich the Pembroke, and that at Portsmouth the Dartmouth, and to use expedition in fitting them and the Norwich for sea.	132
" "	Capt. John Parker, *Truelove, Milford.*	Adm. Com.	Came in to clean and victual, and hopes to complete this week, but they have had such winds and rain as have seldom or ever been known in summer.	133
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	Sent their letter to Capt. Foote, and will dispatch his frigate; as Capt. Gethings is too weak to carry his ship to Plymouth, asks whether the master cannot take her.	134
" "	Aug. Aldridge, *Lydney, co. Gloucester.*	Navy Com^rs^	Sends particulars of timber shipped in the Fortune at Lydney Pill for Chatham; they are hewing all the trees felled, and making 16,000 or 20,000 tree nails, as ordered by Commissioner Willoughby. Asks their letters to be sent to Major Wade, as he is forced to remove from Little Dean to Lydney, by reason of his charge.	135
" 14	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Finds that Capt. Foote's frigate has her furnaces down, and there are other matters which can only be attended to on shore, where she may be dispatched in 48 hours; else it will be dangerous to send her to sea. Her boatswain and gunner are not diligent, and want quickening in their duties, so as to be an example to others. It is reported that the master is unable to navigate her, as on the homeward voyage, he made the island near Nantes for the Isle of Wight, and his mates are like him. The captain of the Preston is still weak, and there is little hopes of his recovery.	Vol. 114. 1
" "	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^rs^ and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the Yarmouth on her arrival at Chatham	2
" "	"	"	Order to pay off the Marston Moor at Portsmouth, and refit her for foreign service	3
" "	"	Navy Com^rs^	Order for refitting the Indian for foreign service with expedition	4

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Sept. 14	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for refitting the Greyhound for present service - - - - - -	Vol. 114. 5
„ „	Jno. Atkins, *Rochester.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends his kinsman, steward of the Rainbow, who has been in the service some time, for a purser's place.	6
„ „	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *the Bristol, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com^{rs}	Has put in with the two victualling ships, by extremity of weather, but will sail with the first wind, having taken in 14 days' victuals and 8 tuns of beer.	7
„ „	„ „	Robt. Blackborne.	To the same effect. As the State is setting forth some third-rate frigates, begs the command of one of them, that he may have some encouragement, as other men.	8
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	„	Hopes he will show Gen. Desborow the intelligence sent from Major-Gen. Fortescue to Col. Clarke. The Bristol, with the two victuallers, is still waiting for wind and weather; as the captain complained of his beer, made a survey, and threw 18 butts overboard. Capt. Heaton still continues sick, and his ship, the Saphire, is in the Road; cannot trust the master with her, but has a mate in view to take her. The gunner of the Warwick wants some stores. Wishes the Ordnance had an officer at Plymouth, as his hands and head are full; must crave some help as an assistant to his storekeeper and clerk.	9
„ 15	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Sorlings, Torbay.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Having sprung his mainmast in chasing a ship, which proved to be one of London bound home from Virginia, and not being able to reach Plymouth, put into Torbay, and is using all possible means to refit, but doubts if the mast can be made serviceable.	10
„ „	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	„	The Merlin has come in to be repaired, and the Marston Moor and Preston to be refitted. The new frigate is almost fit for launching; as Commissioner Willoughby has not arrived, desires order respecting it.	11
„ „	Smith, Bourne, and Hutchinson, and Pett, Navy Com^{rs}., *Chatham Hill.*	Adm. Com.	None of Gen. Penn's fleet have come up but the Convertine, the wind being contrary. Have paid the Greyhound, and will send for the Convertine's men and pay them. Desire order as to the Paragon's men, who have been distributed in several ships since she was burnt. Cannot hear of the clothes delivered to the Paragon's company, there being no papers saved when she was fired, nor any way to make out books but by a muster book.	12
„ „	„ „	„	On examination of the number of men borne on the ships at Chatham, as also the officers on the victualling ships, find more officers than were ordered, and on some ships 30 or 40 more men than their complement, occasioned by the captains not having orders; it was done by verbal direction of the General. As the men were not in fault, have paid the Convertine's company, but left the captain, clerk, and steward unpaid, until further order.	13
„ „	Gen. Wm. Penn -	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends Wm. Bodham, who had the paying of money due in the fleet for short allowance of victuals, to give an account what ships have been paid; desires a bill for the balance due, which he will issue upon the respective captains' certificates, and give an account of his disbursements.	14
„ „	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *Dover.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has proceeded with the fitting of the Lyme, and sent to Dover for beer, but it cannot be had for 10 days; meantime will endeavour to complete her men, who ought not to be less than 280.	15

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1655. Sept. 15	Capt. Peter Foote, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has hauled on shore, and hopes to get out again on Monday, but is much obstructed by his boatswain's absence.	Vol. 114. 16
" "	Capt. Charles Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Blackborne.	Receipt and delivery of letters. The Merlin will go out to-morrow, but will want a boatswain, master, and steward, the latter having run.	17
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	There is little needed on the Marston Moor, and if her men attend, she may go out again shortly. The Merlin has come in to repair, and the Preston to victual.	18
" "	Vin. Gookin, *Milford.*	"	Gave Capt. Bowen the order to convey him to Ireland, and sailed, but was forced back by the weather, and had to go on shore sick. Has no desire to continue there at expense and in separation from his family; hopes they will believe that Capt. Bowen has endeavoured to observe their directions, even against wind and weather.	19
" "	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the Hector and Sophia on their arrival in the Thames - - - -	20
" "	" "	Navy Treasurer.	Order to pay Capt. Taylor the wages due for the time he served in the Lizard - - -	21
" "	Capt. Fras. Willoughby.	—	Warrant to receive the remains of victuals in the ships belonging to Gen. Penn's fleet, lately arrived at Deptford, Woolwich, and Chatham.	22
" 16	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is still waiting in the Sound with the victuallers for a wind, and having victualled for 14 days, will use all diligence to meet with Gen. Blake; will touch at Cascaes.	23
" "	Capt. Robt. Blake, *Hampshire, Plymouth Sound.*	"	Was directed by Gen. Blake, on arriving in England, to apply to them for orders as to refitting in the river or at Portsmouth, and has given Capt. Hatsell an account of his defects. If the frigate is judged fit to return after being refitted, will be ready to observe their orders.	24
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	"	Will supply the Hampshire; but if her defects are as reported by Capt. Blake, it will be a work of time. Capt. Clarke is still detained in the Sound by foul weather.	25
" "	[Adm. Com.] -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to desire the victuallers and ordnance officers to put on board the Indian provisions and stores mentioned for Vice-Adm. Godson. With list of stores and note by Thos. Alderne as to the tonnage.	26–28
" "	Thos. Davies, Wm. Barbour, *Navy Office.*	—	Certificate that Geo. Barlow, late clerk of the check of the Mathias, has passed his accounts, and received a ticket for his wages.	29
" "	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Blackborne.	Sends a certificate from Capt. Whitehorn on behalf of his minister, and desires he will get him a signed warrant. The Hannibal, commanded by Capt. Haddock, has arrived in the Downs.	30
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	Will inform Capt. Whitehorn that order has been sent to the victuallers at Dover to change all his bad provisions, and will hasten to get them on board, as also those for the Lyme. The Hannibal commanded by Capt. Haddock has arrived, and the Tredagh sailed for Portsmouth; she was forced back again by violent winds and lost her cables, but they have been recovered.	31

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Sept. 17	Capt. Edw. Blagge, *Marston Moor.*	Adm. Com.	Hopes they are satisfied that he was not neglectful; thanks for the leave offered, but as he only desired to accompany Gen. Venables and his lady, who have taken coach for London, will proceed with the fitting of his frigate.	Vol. 114. 32
„ „	John Johnson -	„	Petition for satisfaction for quarters of 10 sick and wounded men sent on shore at Harwich by order of Gen. Deane in 1650. Has been at great trouble in bringing his case forward, and if he is not paid, others will be disheartened from entertaining men.	33
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Capt. Clarke is on board the Hampshire, making ready to sail with the victuallers, but Capt. Heaton is still ill; has given temporary command of his ship to Melledge, the master's mate, who has sailed. Notes of ships. Is glad to hear of the recovery of Gen. Desborow.	34
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor -	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Asks him to move the Commissioners to pass his accounts, having waited on them several months without effect; cannot receive his wages until they are passed.	35
„ „	Capt. Peter Foote, *the Merlin, Portsmouth.*	„	Has appointed Thos. Russell, boatswain of the Essex, as master of the Merlin, by desire of Capt. Thorowgood, his master being ignorant and the boatswain absent; hopes to sail to-morrow, although the company are unwilling, for want of money to buy clothes.	36
„ „	William Martin -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a gunner's place in one of the ships building at Woolwich or Portsmouth, having served 6 years as midshipman and gunner, and been in all the engagements against the Dutch. With certificates of Vice-Adms. Lawson and Penn of his having served under them.	37, 38
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	Particulars of ships. Has ordered the Merlin to go to Cowes, where there are 30 merchant ships, and if he may take a man out of each, it will man him well. His boatswain being absent and very refractory, has appointed one Bias; the late master is weak as regards navigation, but knows no other to put in his place, unless it is the boatswain of the Essex.	39
„ 18	Capt. Roger Jones, *Liverpool.*	„	Having order from the Lord-Deputy and Council of Ireland to repair to the north of Ireland, applied to Roger Drake, the victualler, for a supply, but he refused, on an order of the contractors to victual no more there; had to go to the Lord-Deputy for an order for a month's provisions; set sail, but meeting with contrary winds, was forced to put his men on half allowance, and only had 2 days' provisions when he arrived at Liverpool.	40
„ 19	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	Particulars of ships - - - - - - - - - -	41
„ „	Navy Com^{rs}, *London*	[Adm. Com.]	Protest before Joshua Mainet, notary public, against Capt. W. Haddock of the Hannibal, for breach of contract in not proceeding on his voyage with provisions for the Straits.	42
„ „	Capt. Wm. Haddock, *Hannibal, Downs.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Reply to the above protest, that the delay arose from the violence of the weather, which damaged his ship and men, and having to ride at anchor with great difficulty and danger, thinks he rather deserves thankfulness than a protest. Hopes that there will be no stop put upon the freight contrary to the contract, and that he may be allowed to prosecute the voyage.	43

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Sept. 19	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Has ordered Capt. Mackey of the Yarmouth to sail for Chatham, and there are now only 3 ships in the Downs; as the Gainsborough has been at sea 9 months and has only 14 days' provisions, asks whether she shall be supplied, so as to convoy to the Land's End the Hannibal, which was under sail, but forced again to anchor. Will direct Capt. Haddock to touch at Cascaes Road, and also to enquire whether Capt. Clarke with the victuallers is gone for Plymouth, and whether Gen. Blake is on the coast. The Tredagh has sailed for Portsmouth.	Vol. 114. 44
,, ,,	,, ,,	Blackborne.	To similar effect	45
,, ,,	Capt. Anth. Young, *Tredagh, Spithead.*	,,	After landing the Ambassador at Deal, sailed for Portsmouth, but was forced back to the Downs, with the loss of his anchors and cable; recovered the cable, sailed again, but could only reach Spithead, owing to the wind and want of a pilot.	46
,, ,,	Capt. John Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^rs	Wants 30,000 treenails and 100 long spruce deals, as formerly demanded	47
,, 20	E. Hayward, *Chatham.*	,,	Account of cables, anchors, &c., supplied to the boatswain of the Elizabeth at Hamburg; the sum cannot amount to 306*l.* unless the cordage was rated at 50*s.* per cwt., and the anchors at 3*l.* per cwt.	48
,, ,,	Robt. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	,,	To attend the Admiralty Commissioners at 3 p.m., with the pursers' instructions and their order to the victuallers for proportioning the victuals to the ships of the fleet, according to the new establishment, and particularly the order touching the Greyhound lately come in.	49
,, ,,	Thos. Turner, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	As the Navy Commissioners had risen, and some of them gone out of town, on receipt of his letter, has sent a copy of the pursers' instructions, but those for the captains are not yet perfected. The Greyhound carried 90 men, has been at sea 23 months, and as she was out before the establishment was settled, she does not come under the Commissioners' cognizance; some of them will attend the Admiralty Commissioners to-morrow.	50
,, ,,	Capt. Mich. Nutton, *Satisfaction, Beaumaris.*	,,	Landed Lord-Deputy Fleetwood and his family on the 7th; the winds being so bad could not go to Chester Water; by his order enclosed, shall return to Dublin for his goods, and bring them to London; will do so with the first wind, but it is difficult to keep his frigate fast in harbour on account of the foul weather. The 6 months' provisions received at Liverpool are nearly expended, and having 24 months' pay due, begs an order to come home. The Primrose has gone to Holyhead to look for the packets, and thence to Dublin.	51, 52
,, ,,	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^rs	Order to pay Rear-Admiral Geo. Dakins his wages, &c., while in the Torrington. With note of payments to him.	53, 54
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	Order to allow Capt. Thos. Bunn what he expended in victualling the Greyhound on the coast of Scotland, according to contracts made with Col. Lilburne.	55
,, ,,	,, ,,	Navy Com^rs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the company of the Red Horse pink, a prize lately brought from the West Indies	56

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Sept. 20	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurers.	Order to pay Capt. Robinson his wages, &c., while in the Greyhound	Vol. 114. 57
,, 21	,, ,,	,,	Order to pay off the Plover at Chatham	58
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Allen, *Advise, Ballsey Sladway, Harwich.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed from the Rolling Ground for Leigh on the 4th, and arrived the 11th, but could not be relieved of the money until the 15th, on account of bad weather. Sent his long boat on shore for water with 8 men, who were met with a violent storm on returning, and has not since heard anything of them. Sailed from Leigh on the 18th, but meeting with stormy weather, sprung a leak, and has been compelled to come in to stop it; will then proceed to the Downs according to order.	59
,, ,,	Capt. Anth. Melledge, *Saphire.*	Capt. Hatsell.	Delivered his order off the Lizard to Capt. Vessey, who will observe it. Took a Brest man-of-war with the loss of one man; in the chase she threw some of her guns overboard. Has manned her, and hopes to do service with her, as she is a new frigate, will carry 12 guns and had 78 men.	60
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Nightingale, off Ushant.*	Adm. Com.	Plying on his station with the Saphire, chased and surprised a ship which proved to be a new Brest man-of-war, of 11 guns and 76 men, commanded by Capt. Codd; intends keeping her, so as to attract some more of their frigates that have come out of Brest. God has been pleased to frown upon their design, as they have not above 6 frigates unsurprised. Hopes soon to reduce them to a less number.	61
,, ,,	Capt. Anth. Young	—	Proceedings at a court martial on board the Tredagh, on Fras. Collins, the cook, for abuses and misdemeanours, when it was resolved to report to the Admiralty Commissioners that he was not fit for employment.	62
,, 22	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	,,	Recommends Capt. Best for employment. He was captain and part owner of a ship of Hull, which was sunk coming from Norway with oil and tar; as the greater part of the lading belonged to him, he cannot provide for himself and family.	63
,, ,,	Capt. Edw. Thompson, *London.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Begs assistance for the bearer in obtaining 10*l.* arrears of wages due to her husband, Thos. Burges, who is at sea.	64
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Particulars of ships	65
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Has launched the new frigate, called the Dartmouth, and set her masts, but only a boatswain and his servant have been entered; if a commander is sent to provide men, she may sail in 20 days. The Marston Moor and Preston are graved, but seamen being scarce, is forced to employ labourers. The carpenters' work will be completed in 10 days. The Tredagh is preparing to come on shore.	66
,, ,,	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Plover.*	,,	Desires they will pay Rich. Lewes, a poor man, for piloting the Plover from Yarmouth to Deptford.	67

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1655. Sept. 23	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Blackborne	Received their letter, but the Sparrow was gone as convoy for France, and is now to convoy some Hull ships with cloth for Hamburg; her captain has been put on shore sick. When any fit vessel arrives, will assign her as convoy to Mr. Williams.	Vol. 114. 68
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	To similar effect. Capt. Haddock of the Hannibal has sailed, and the Advice and Sparrow have arrived.	69
" "	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Nightingale, off Ushant.*	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, Comr. at *Plymouth.*	While plying with the Saphire, they chased and took a new frigate commanded by Capt. Codd, having 11 guns, but they threw 4 overboard. She had taken two Bristol ships, and ill-used the merchant by burning his hands. The Saphire lost one man in the fight. Are looking for Swart, but he has not yet come out. Will have to go in shortly for repairs.	70
" "	" "	Robt. Blackborne.	To similar effect. Sends an enclosure to his wife - - - - - - -	71
" 24	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	Some of the checks and stewards are in London, and the others resolved to go to-morrow. The Marston Moor's men are resolved to lose their pay rather than proceed; cannot learn the cause of their discontent.	72
" "	" "	Navy Com^{rs}	Mr. Dymock is to deliver canvas to the sail maker to make sails for the ships in the West Indies; they should be sewn with waxed instead of tarred twine, as it lasts longer in hot countries. Is fitting out the Marston Moor, Preston, and Tredagh.	73
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Ask directions for recovery of two brass bases, with brass chambers, stated by Thos. Shewell, Navy agent at Bristol, to have been intended in 1649 for Capt. Plunkett at Wexford, then an enemy to the State, and stayed by the Customs' officers; they were lent to Col. Scrope at the time of the Worcester fight by Mr. Shewell, but when Bristol Castle was demolished, the Governor delivered them to Nich. Jordan, a glover of Bristol, who detains them.	74
" "	Isaac Holmes, *Weymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Wrote of Capt. Lambert Cornelius what was true, although nothing can be done without proof, and is unwilling to incur expense upon an uncertainty. Asks whether the two vessels are yet undisposed of, and begs his influence. When last at Whitehall, put in a petition for the pink, but could get no answer.	75
" "	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	—	Account of his payments to Fras. Baylie for building the Nantwich, total 202*l.* 3*s.* 11*d.* - -	76
" 25	Capt. Thos. Alderne, *Victualling Office.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Received their order to Mr. Sprigge, and gave directions for bringing up the provisions and casks from Deptford and Woolwich. They would not remain so long in the ships if there were hands to remove them into the vessels sent to receive them. At this juncture some fit person should look after, deliver, and account for such provisions and stores, or directions should be given to the boatswains of the yards to clear the ships of all things returnable to this office, and the stewards should be required to attend to their duties.	77
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the company of the Discovery, burnt in the West Indies - - - -	78

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Sept. 25	Capt. Ben. Sacheverell.	Robt. Blackborne.	To remind the Admiralty Committee of the petition of Joseph Anderson for a gunner's place in the new frigate at Chatham.	Vol. 114. 79
„ „	Lieut. H. Terne, *Fairfax, Downs.*	„	Thanks for favours. Failed in what he aimed at in his journey to London, being most unworthy	80
„ „	Augustine Aldridge, *Lydney.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has loaded the ship [with timber], and it has gone into King's Road, whence the captain intended sailing on the 22nd. Is proceeding with the making of treenails.	81
„ „	Capt. Roger Jones, *Liverpool.*	Adm. Com.	Having shipped nearly all his provisions and stores, hopes to sail for Dublin the end of the week, and observe orders from the Lord-Deputy and Council.	82
„ 26	Capt. Mic. Nutton, *Satisfaction, Dublin Bay.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Having received order from the Commissioners in Ireland to ship Lord-Deputy Fleetwood's goods to Deptford, will use all possible haste to get to sea.	83
„ „	Capt. Edm. Thomson.	[Navy Comrs.]	Asks full wages for the 13 days his ship was fitting at Woolwich, as also from the date of his warrant, which was 9 days before he was entered on the muster book; did as much service then as afterwards, having to go to London and Whitehall sometimes twice a day, to get the officers' warrants.	84
„ „	Capt. Jno. Taylor -	Adm. Com.	Having by their favour obtained his wages, though a great part has been wasted by his long stay in town, asks the command of some vessel, whereby to recruit his losses and obtain subsistence, and also vindicate his credit, which has long lain under a cloud.	85
„ „	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Blackborne	Reasons for not sending the Lyme or Gainsborough to convoy the Hannibal. Has ordered the Advice to ply off the Ness, for securing trade and annoying the pickeroons, and appointed two of the ketches to convoy a vessel bound to Rotterdam with cloth, and then to ply with the Advice off Beachy and the Ness, where the Drake and Hare also are, for securing the fishermen, who are in much fear of French shallops. The Sparrow pink has gone to the Humber. Asks whether to fit out at Dover a frigate of 4 guns, which was taken by the Drake, as she will be useful between the Isle of Wight and Beachy; also whether to write the governors of Boulogne and Calais, that if they give leave to Brest pirates and their vessels to harbour with them, our men-of-war will seize their fishermen.	86
„ „	Capt. Phil. Gethings, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Not having recovered his late illness, desires leave to remain on shore 5 or 6 days longer, the master having charge of the ship while plying on her station. She is ready to take in the provisions, but there is no one to take charge of them.	87
„ „	Navy Com^{rs} -	Adm. Com.	Ask what bills they are to imprest to Capt. Alderne on the new account. The master shipwright at Deptford requires 24 caulkers for a month, on the great ship he is building there.	88
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out bills of imprest for 2,000*l.* a week for one month, commencing the 27th inst., and for 1,500*l.* a week for the succeeding month, to Thos. Alderne, navy victualler.	89

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1655. Sept. 26	Rich. Wilde, pilot, *Wapping.*		Declaration made before Wm. Baker, notary, as to the severe weather experienced by the Hannibal on her way to the Downs, between 6 and 15 Sept., when she was much damaged, and some of her company dangerously hurt.	Vol. 114. 90
„ 27	Capt. Gab. Saunders, *Tiger, Seine Head.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying on his station, and searched all ships that passed. Sends certificate of a conference held on board with some English merchants and masters at Newhaven, concerning the Hare in the Field and her lading.	91
„ „	Lord Broghill, *Edinburgh.*	„	There being a quantity of cables and sails lying at Dunstaffnage, which were saved out of one of the State's frigates, and there being a ship there belonging to Saml. Atkins, which cannot sail for want of such things, the Council in Edinburgh have ordered that Mr. Atkins or his factor may purchase what they require at the usual rates, and carry the remainder to the stores at Ayr. Will send an account of the said provisions as desired by the General.	92
„ „	Edw. Champneys -	„	Petition to be purser of the Tredagh. Has spent the prime of his life at sea, and they have encouraged him to hope for preference.	93
„ „	„ „	„	Asks a purser's place. Has sent his petition, with certificate from Col. Bingham and Capt. Alderne, and as he has been in five fights against the Dutch, and been out of employment 18 months, hopes they will remember him.	94
„ „	Capt. Edw. Blagge, *Marston Moor, Portsmouth Harbour.*	„	Encloses his commission as Rear-Admiral of the American squadron. Has conferred with his officers as to proceeding on the voyage. Some of them are willing to go, but very few of the men. There is much discontent because they see discharged men arriving daily from London, and because they are not allowed the privilege of seeing their relations and friends; supposes Capt. Thorowgood has given an account of it, and propounded some remedy. Desires orders to go Plymouth, before the ship goes to Spithead and is paid off.	95
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne	Capt. Gethings is still ill, and desires leave to remain 10 days longer, and for his master to take the command. As the company of the Marston Moor will not proceed in her, she should be manned out of the Tredagh and Preston, when they arrive at Spithead, and her men be turned into those ships.	96
„ „	Jos. Cubitt and 3 others.	—	Account of the appraisement and sale by order of Hen. Hatsell, Vice-Admiral of Devonshire, and Capt. John Pley, his deputy, of the goods in the derelict brought from Brixham to Dartmouth. With the acknowledgments of the buyers.	97–101
„ „	Robt. Ogles, boatswain of the *Old Warwick, Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for discharge. Was shot in the foot in fight against Capt. Beech, and his ship being laid up, his friends will provide him another.	102
„ „	Robt. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	Navy Com^rs	Desires they will direct the officers of the yard to take an account of the remains of stores in the petitioner Ogles' custody, and upon settlement thereof, to discharge him.	103

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1655. Sept. 27	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay the wages due to Capts. Hayward, Hannam, Hodges, Dare, and Hump. Felstead, and masters Alex. Pauling, Thos. Sulke, Edw. Garrett, and Thos. Griffith, for their services in the late expedition to the westward, notwithstanding the suspension thereon, provided the suspension be only on account of supernumeraries.	Vol. 114. 104
,, 28	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will speak to the captain of the Hampshire as to giving tickets to some of his men. The Saphire has come in with a Brest man-of-war, taken by her and the Nightingale, and has landed 66 prisoners, who have been sent to the castle; encloses a list of their names. Lieut. Larke having only 20 soldiers on the guard, has desired the mayor to spare 20 townsmen to assist the soldiers nightly, for better securing the prisoners. Asks what to do with them and some others; will send 4 of the most notorious to the gaol. Capt. Heaton is recovering, but being unfit for sea, has again committed the charge of his frigate to Mr. Melledge for 14 days.	105, 106
,, ,,	Phineas Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	The Indian is ready to take in her provisions, but wants a master and some men; the Norwich has but 20, and the Greyhound 10. As the Yarmouth is daily expected from the Downs, asks an order to take some of the company.	107
,, ,,	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	,,	Account of more defects discovered in repairing the Amity; desires order, as she will take more time and expense to perfect. Note of works on other ships.	108
,, ,,	Edw. Poortmans, *Tower Hill.*	,, Robt. Blackborne.	Sends the petition of a poor woman who is wet nurse to his child, and hopes his influence. Lieut.-Col. Kelsey promises assistance, and it is a work of much mercy. The owners' names, if needed, are Jas. Jenkins and Mr. Nutnegger of Fenchurch Street, and Mr. Burton of Crooked Lane.	109
,, 29	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *of the Greyhound.*	Adm. Com.	Petition for an order to the Navy Commissioners and Treasurer to pass his accounts for vicualling the Plover in Scotland, so that he may receive his wages as commander of the Greyhound. With reference to the Navy Commissioners.	110
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has received their order, and directed the sail maker to sew the seams with waxed twine. Sends the names of the ships supplied with new sails, and desires a warrant for more for the stores. The captain of the Preston being ill, several of his company absented themselves, and then railed for a ticket for their victuals; it is not the first time they have thus abused the clerk of the check, and one of them having struck his assistant for refusing, some course must be taken, or the officer will not be able to perform his duties. Noted that he is to send the names of the mutineers.	111
,, ,,	,, ,,	Robt. Blackborne.	The Marston Moor will sail on Wednesday and the Preston on Monday. Has no order for their victualling, nor any to go in hand with the Tredagh. Returns a letter for Capt. Foote, as he has sailed.	112
,, ,,	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to provide pinnaces, wherries, sails, spars, and hammocks, at Chatham, Portsmouth, and other places, and have them shipped in the Indian or Marston Moor, according to the order of the Protector and Council, for the fleet in the West Indies, and to send an account. With accounts of the extraordinaries put on the said 2 ships.	113–115

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1655. Sept. 29	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to discharge all clerks of the check and stewards borne in any of the State's ships in harbour after 1 Oct. next, and to employ pursers in their stead; all ships that come in thereafter, or are set forth, are only to have pursers; those of the 6th rate are to have neither, but their commanders are to discharge that trust. Also to certify the salary allowed to pursers before the alteration.	Vol. 114. 116
„ „	„ „ -	„	Order an account to be taken of the remains of ordnance stores brought home in the fleet under Gen. Penn, and returned to the Admiralty Commissioners, as ordered by the Protector and Council.	117
„ „	Jas. Brocke, Surveyor of the Prize Office.	—	Affirmation that Peter Phillips, who was appointed by the Prize Officers to bring the Indian into the river, had a kinsman in Amsterdam, who came over after the Indian was taken, and told Phillips that Englishmen had the wit to catch a goose, but not to pull her; as when the ship was at Amsterdam, he hid, in a secret place abaft the mainmast, a quantity of quicksilver and pieces of 8, before she went forth upon this voyage for the East Indies, on which she was taken by the State's frigates.	118
„ „	Capt. Edw. Blagge, *Marston Moor, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	His wife and friends object much to his undertaking another voyage to Jamaica. Very few of his officers and men adhere to him, and are refractory, negligent, and idle, and vow they will be hanged before they will go there again, which all adds to his great trouble. Hopes they will appoint some other ship that has had its ease at home.	119
„ „	Capt. Ben. Sacheverell, *London.*	„	Recommends Jos. Anderson for a gunner's place in one of the new frigates, or in the Norwich, if he is to have the command. Is not satisfied with Benj. Young her present gunner.	120
„ 30	Capt. Phil. Gethings, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is recovering his health, and hopes to get his frigate to Spithead to-morrow. Desires an order for the victuals, as also a purser and steward to look after them.	121
„ „	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Will execute their orders on the arrival of the Sparrow pink, but understood Mr. Downing had come for England. The Gainsborough has only 4 days' provisions left; 4 or 5 East India Flemings from Amsterdam have come into the Downs, outward bound.	122
„ „	Capt. Thos. Elliot, *Fagons, Plymouth Sound.*	„	Came in yesterday with a French prize from Bordeaux, laden with iron, wool, linen, &c., having been ten weeks off the ground.	123
„ „	Capt. Geo. Daking, *Swiftsure, Portsmouth.*	„	Was ordered by the General to take the command of the Paragon home; on 13 July, the day appointed for humiliation and thanksgiving, a fire broke out in the steward's room, and burnt the whole ship. It is not known how it occurred, but probably by those entrusted by the steward to issue provisions, 2 of whom are drowned, with 100 of the company, besides several being burnt and scalded; none of them saved anything beyond what they had on, and some nothing at all.	124

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1655. Sept.	John Lucas, *Westminster.*	Gen. Jno. Desborow.	Six months ago, certified respecting bonds due to the late King, for iron and brass ordnance, carriages, and powder, lent to several persons on payment or return; also as to several pieces which were embezzled from various places, or claimed as private property; was referred to Mr. Hooper, but can obtain no answer from him. Asks if the Admiralty Commissioners will accept the business, and leave him to prosecute it.	Vol. 114. 125
„	Jno. Davies - -	—	Account of ordnance and other stores shipped in the Hannibal at Deptford on 25 Aug., for Gen. Blake's fleet.	126
„	———	-	List of Gen. Blake's fleet in Aug. and Sept., viz., 28 ships, besides 4 more lately sent, and 5 come home.	127, 128
,	Mr. Wilkins, anchorsmith.	—	Note of the weight of 11 anchors he has for disposal - - - - - -	129
	Edw. Heath - -	Adm. Com.	Petition to be purser or clerk of the check in the Pelican or the frigate launched at Chatham. Served on the Phœnix from Oct. 1652 till she was laid up for repairs, and then on the Elizabeth, which has been damaged at sea. With certificate of Capt. Chris. Myngs, 11 Sept. 1665.	130, 131
Sept. ?	Rich. Morden, citizen and girdler, *of London.*	„	Petition for stoppage of 9*l.* 3*s.* from the wages of Clement Fergeson, steward's mate of the Bridgwater, for goods sold and delivered him when living at Hermitage Bridge, Wapping, before he joined the Bridgwater, which he did to avoid being arrested. Noted that the ship is to be paid 23 Oct. 1655.	132
Oct. 1	Capt. Edw. Blagge, *Marston Moor, Portsmouth.*	„	As the paymasters will soon arrive to pay off the ship, will be ready to go to Spithead on the 3rd. His officers and men are unwilling to return to the West Indies so suddenly, and the lieutenant desires to go home. Lieut. Saml. Blake will attend them for a place. Is not unwilling to return himself, but his wife and friends being much grieved thereat, desires leave of absence to persuade them to submission, as also payment of his arrears for land service, according to his Highness's promise, and the ship can take him in at Plymouth. Capt. Thorowgood will report as to his stowage room for iron-bound casks, &c.	Vol. 115. 1
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	The Marston Moor cannot carry what is required, and her men refuse to sail. The Tredagh might be used, and manned out of the Preston and Portsmouth. Particulars of ships.	2
„ „	Jno. Scott, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Comrs	Sends an account of the allowance made to Rear-Admiral Dakins. He had a bill for 151*l.* for his pay at 20*s.* a day, from 3 July to 30 Nov., and Mr. Bridges, if in London, can produce the order on which it was made. The Marston Moor and Preston will be fitted to-morrow, and be waiting for their victuals; the Portsmouth has come in to change her beer.	3
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *the Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has come in to change some stinking beer and stop a leak, and having nearly a month's provisions left, will set sail with speed.	4

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Oct. 1	Thos. Brooks - -	Robt. Blackborne.	Has written Capt. Myngs, who is in the country, that the Commissioners wish to see him; hopes his absence will be no prejudice to him, nor raise any frowns or clouds in their countenance. Can fancy he hears his horse dash; but a word to the wise is enough; hopes he will apologise for him.	Vol. 115. 5
" "	Hugh Salesbury, *Portsmouth.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Thanks for recommending him to Capt. Alderne for employment; wants a purser's place on the new frigate at Portsmouth for Jno. Hawes, who has served many years.	6
" "	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs	Order to ascertain which of the owners of the Marmaduke have evinced their affection to the present Government, also the amount of their respective interests in 1,200*l.* allowed by order of his Highness and Council in lieu of the ship, as also in 878*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* due for her freight and hire in 1644; and to make out a bill of sale to the State of their shares. With their report, 15 Oct., that they find no exception to any owner save Capt. Royden, and that most of them have lent money to the State, or otherwise showed their affection; also account by John Keate of their respective shares in the 1,200*l.* allowed in lieu of the ship, as also in the 878*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* allowed for her hire and freight while in the service in 1644; this is all that remains due of the bill for 3,514*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.* signed and passed long since.	7–9
" "	" - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Lieut. Jno. Major for the time he commanded the Endeavour ketch, at 5*l.* a month, with 10*l.* for his expenses.	10
" "	Navy Comrs. -	Adm. Com.	Ordered the refitting of the Marston Moor and Indian for foreign service, and they are ready to victual; also the fitting out of the new ships, the Pembroke, Dartmouth, and Norwich; ask how many men each is to carry. Send a note of the wages formerly paid to pursers, both at sea and in harbour.	11
" "	Capt. Jno. Geffery, *the Nantwich, Plymouth.*	"	Went from Lisbon to Lagos by order of Gen. Blake, and endeavoured to meet the victuallers off the South Cape, but failing, has returned, having only 7 days' provisions, and requiring tallowing.	12
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	"	Capt. Geffery of the Nantwich has come in, and states that on 7 Sept. Gen. Blake held a council of officers in Cascaes Road, and finding the fleet had only a month's provisions on short allowance, it was resolved to return for England, and he directed Capt. Geffery to go to Lagos Road, and direct the Diamond to follow, and afterwards to endeavour to meet the victuallers and send them back. While plying between Capes St. Vincent and St. Mary he was chased by 9 of the Spanish fleet, consisting of 33 sail, who shot through his sails; he says if the General has not met with the victuallers, he will be in the Channel very shortly.	13

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Oct. 2	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Went as ordered to Cape St. Vincent, and found Gen. Blake with his fleet plying up for Lagos, where the Spanish Armada of 32 sail were two days before; having supplied him with half of his provisions, had to return home on half allowance. The winds being contrary, the General dispatched the Taunton and Assurance with expresses to the Admiralty Commissioners, and the other 6 frigates may shortly be expected at Plymouth. Sends a letter brought by the Hunter of London from some merchants at Malaga; she was forced from thence without anchors or cables. Desires orders, after being tallowed and victualled.	Vol. 115. 14
" "	Wm. Fox, *Nantwich, Plymouth Sound.*	Navy Com^{rs}	His commander, on orders from Gen. Blake, went to Lagos, to tell the Diamond to follow the General's fleet for England; he afterwards plied on his station at the Southward Cape, where he met the Spanish fleet of 32 sail, 6 of whom chased them 4 hours, and placed many shots in their sails and rigging, after which they made for England; expected to have heard that the General arrived 8 or 10 ten days before. Noted that he is to be recommended to Capt. Alderne for a purser's place in the Nantwich, and Sharpe as clerk of the check in the Kent.	15
" "	Capt. Thos. Vallis, *the Taunton, Plymouth Sound.*	Adm. Com.	While with Capt. Holland of the Assurance, 220 leagues off the Lizard, met Gen. Blake, who gave them a packet for the Admiralty Commissioners and an order to proceed at once for England, dated 22 Sept., of which he encloses a copy. Capt. Cuttance and 5 others also had orders to go for Portsmouth. Is out of repair and wants stores; desires order as to coming in.	16, 17
" "	Saml. Windis - -	"	Asks employment as purser, having served two apprenticeships as purser and victualler, but had his employment taken from him at Liverpool, where he modelled the business before the late contractors had it.	18
" "	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	"	The Fame will cost 500*l.* to make her fit for sea. Is in hand with the Mermaid and Paul -	19
" "	Capt. Thos. Harrison, *Upnor Castle.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Recommends Capt. Willoughby Hannam, who has just returned with the Half Moon from Jamaica, for employment in any foreign design; he is an able mariner, and while under his command, displayed great affection to the Commonwealth at the revolting of the fleet.	20
" "	Edw. Champness -	"	Desires he will support his petition to the Admiralty Commissioners for employment as a purser; was recommended to him by Col. Bingham.	21
" "	Augustine Aldridge, *Lydney.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Received 100*l.* from Major Wade; his men are proceeding in making treenails and have made 10,000. The damage by trespassing through cultivated fields with the timber to the water side will amount to 5*l.*; as he paid over 100*l.* for its carriage, and Major Wade cannot advance more without order from the Admiralty Commissioners, desires a further supply; hopes the ship with the timber will arrive safe.	22
" "	Adm. Com. - -	"	Order to make out a bill to Capt. Jos. Jordan for his pay, &c., as Rear-Admiral to Gen. Blake's fleet, 4 July 1654 to 31 Aug. 1655, at 20*s.* a day.	23
" "	" - -	"	Order for victualling the Preston and Tredagh at Portsmouth for 4 months, and 7 other ships named.	24

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Oct. 2	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	To receive and examine some papers in the hands of Gen. Penn, belonging to Mr. Carter, late Steward General to his fleet, which were taken out of the sea when the Paragon was burned, and to give those that are private to his widow.	Vol. 115. 25
" "	" - -	"	Order for the victuallers to victual the Marston Moor, 280 men and 54 guns, and the Indian, 200 men and 40 guns, designed for foreign service, for 8 months, and leave room for other stores bought by Capt. Alderne for the expedition.	26
" "	" - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the wages due to Captains Robt. Storey, Jno. Hubbard, Thos. Wright, and Barth. Kitcher, for service in the late expedition westward, provided the suspension is only on the account of supernumeraries.	27
" 3	H. Langham, *London*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Tristram May, late clerk of the check of the Phœnix, for employment in the victualling office under Capt. Alderne.	28
" "	Tristram May -	"	Petition for the purser's place in the Phœnix, where he has acted as clerk of the check. With certificate of Capt. Nich. Foster in his behalf.	29, 30
" "	Capt. Thos. Alderne, *Victualling Office.*	"	Recommends Nich. Elfard, late steward of the Indian, as purser thereof; with note by Elfard asking Blackborne's assistance.	31
" "	Capt. Anth. Young, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends his brother as gunner in the new frigate at Chatham - - - -	32
" "	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Is about launching the Mermaid and Speaker; asks whether to bring in the Diamond or other ships for repairs.	33
" "	Capt. Jno. Harman, *Diamond, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	On departure of the fleet from Cape St. Vincent for Lisbon, 22 Aug. last, received order from the General to ply about Lagos Bay and the Cape for 14 days, to meet any vessels that might be sent from England; on the arrival of Capt. Geffery in the Nantwich, heard that the fleet had left Cascaes, near Lisbon, for England, and received an order from the General to follow, which he did, leaving the Nantwich there. Has brought in a French vessel with bank fish, which he seized on his way home.	34
" "	Capt. Nath. Cobham, *the Newcastle, Portsmouth.*	"	Sends on order from Gen. Blake of 22 Sept. to sail with the Langport and 4 others to Portsmouth, and there observe orders from Capt. Roger Cuttance; asks instructions. If the wind continues fair, Gen. Blake will arrive in 2 days.	35, 36
" "	Capt. Edw. Blagge, *the Marston Moor, Portsmouth Harbour.*	"	Thanks for the leave granted to visit his relations at Plymouth, but will attend on board and give the ship all dispatch until the arrival of another commander.	37
" "	Capt. Robt. Nixon, *Centurion, Spithead.*	Col. Clarke.	Has come in with 5 others by order of Gen. Blake. Is much straightened for victuals; asks directions.	38

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1655. Oct. 3	Capt. Jno. Seaman, *Dragon, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Sailed from Cascaes Road, Lisbon, with the General on 7th Sept., and was desired by him to ply for England with 5 others, all of which have arrived. Parted from the fleet 135 leagues from the Northward Cape, plying homewards. A small pinnace that attended on Vice-Adm. Bourden, and came over with him, was lost, but they saved the men. Asks whether to victual at Portsmouth or ply in the Channel.	Vol. 115. 39
" "	Capt. Roger Cuttance, *Langport, Spithead.*	"	Having become short of provisions through supplying the General's fleet, was ordered with 6 other ships to return to England to recruit, and the General would make for the Downs.	40
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Exeter.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Was alarmed between 1 and 2 a.m. by an express from Gen. Blake, who cannot be far from the Channel, as the Taunton and Assurance left his fleet 22 Sept., 230 leagues off the Lizard. Plymouth Road is not good for great heavy ships at this season, or for refitting, as the stores there cannot supply their wants. Will hasten to Plymouth and render him what service he can, although there is much country business which requires his attendance this week.	41
" "	Capt. Thos. Morris, *Sorlings, Falmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has been plying in the Soundings with Capt. Vessey, by order of Capt. Hatsell, and hears, by some Brest men taken by the Saphire, that Swart and the Star are coming out. Has come in to water and repair, but will return with speed; his ship is a bad sailer.	42
" "	Wm. Burrough -	"	Petition for a lieutenant or purser's place; has served both on land and sea from the beginning of the wars, and lately as clerk of the check in the Bear, in her voyage to the West Indies. With certificates of Fras. Kirby, Barth. Kitcher, and Rich. Booth, of his religious life and conversation.	43–46
" "	Rich. Woollaston -	"	Account of shot and other ordnance materials remaining in his custody - - - -	47
" "	Capt. Edm. Curle, *Sparrow, Humber.*	"	As he is to convoy some ships to Hamburg, wants an anchor and cable, and the exchange of some defective beef and pork.	48
" "	Capt. Robt. Mackey, *the Yarmouth, Chatham.*	"	Asks when he will be paid off, as Capt. Pett says the money is at Chatham - - -	49
" 4	Robt. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	Navy Com^{rs}	To examine Mr. Wormwell respecting double tickets made out by him while on the James -	50
" "	Thos. Strey, *Assurance, Plymouth Sound.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks him to forward his petition and certificates for a lieutenant or purser's place; has seen much service by sea and land, and can be recommended by Major-Gen. Whichcott, Col. Webb, Dan. Taylor Commissioner of Customs, and others.	51
" "	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Downs.*	[Adm. Com.]	Hears from ships come in that the Taunton, Nantwich, and Assurance have arrived at Plymouth, and that the General and his fleet, having left before them, were expected to be in England; also that the masters and men of several English ships are imprisoned in Malaga, and that those there seize all the English ships they can. Will supply the Gainsborough with victuals out of the Fairfax and Lyme.	52

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1655. Oct. 4	Jno. Scott, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	The Diamond and 6 other ships have arrived from Gen. Blake's fleet at Cascaes Road, and have only two days' provisions left. Mr. Poortmans has come down with the money, and will pay the yard to-morrow. The Marston Moor and Preston are still in the harbour.	Vol. 115. 53
,, ,,	E. Hayward, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Returned from London to survey ships, and has since received a warrant from the Navy Commissioners for an account of the remains of boatswains and carpenters' stores in the ships at Chatham; also an order to certify about money for pensioners, and what he has received by the revenue of the Chest for 1653 and since, and how and to whom it has been issued. Col. Clarke was to have given this account; it will take 3 months, and he has other duties; begs to be excused, but sends a transcript of the defalcations, and desires it may be returned.	54
,, ,,	Thos. Borough -	Adm. Com.	Petition for a purser's place, having served many years in divers capacities, and for the last two years in the Lion and Rosebush. With certificate of John Lambert and Rich. Hodges in his favour.	55, 56
,, ,,	Capt. Anth. Young, *Deptford.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Having received a bond from Jno. Willes to satisfy for the time he had to serve, desires he may follow his employment; hopes he will prove a well governed and honest man.	57
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Desires order for the disposal of the old stuff taken off the Triumph under repair; it pesters the yard, and has cost the State 18*l.* already for labour in removing it into heaps. It has often been suggested that, the land wall being defective, the State should find the materials, and the town the workmanship to repair it, and this old stuff might serve, and be half the expense of timber, otherwise it must be either sold, given away, or thrown away.	58
,, ,,	E. Hayward, *Chatham Dock.*	,,	Sends account of the remains of boatswains and carpenters' stores in 6 ships returned from the West Indies. Has not mentioned the rigging, it not being required, and being also decayed and unserviceable.	59, 60
,, ,,	Hen. Pardoe - -	Adm. Com.	Hopes they will be mindful of his petition for a boatswain's place, and on consideration of his long services, grant his request.	61
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Mr. Hayward, or his deputy, at *Deptford.*	Order to pay Robt. Blundell and Griffin Jenkin their pensions, or certify to the contrary, as also what they have already received by way of gratuity and pension. With note by Nath. Terne that the pensions are stayed by the Governors of the Chest until they have reviewed the men, and that they will attend for that purpose, and then pay, as far as the money will reach.	62
,, ,,	,, - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Thos. Alderne, navy victualler, for 5,000*l.*, to enable him to perform contracts for the supply of provisions mentioned for the fleet bound to foreign parts; also to confer with him as to the stowage of provisions in the Marston Moor or Indian for the same service.	63
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to make out a bill to the relict of John Carter, late steward-general to Gen. Penn's fleet, at 10*l.* a month for the time he served, provided she has administered, and her deceased husband is not indebted to the State.	64
,, ,,	,, - -	,,	Order to send by bearer an old book of the rates of pay of all officers borne upon the State's ships at sea in 1648, when pursers were in being.	65

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1655. Oct. 4	Edw. Hopkins, *Navy Office.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends the rates of pay for 1648, delayed because Mr. Turner, the general clerk, who has all the records, is absent.	Vol. 115. 66
„ 5	Capt. Jno. Smith, *Pearl.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Desires he will send down a master with a press warrant; the boatswain and carpenter are sick, and he has to haul on shore to tallow, &c.	67
„ „	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The Vice-Admiral did not order him to convoy the Hannibal through the Channel, as the Admiralty Commissioners sent him down in such haste, and ordered his frigate to be fitted for a further voyage. It was not from any idle humour in him or disrespect to the service. Having lost the warrant for the minister, wants another.	68
„ „	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Adm Com.	Has furnished them with the news from the Straits and Portugal. The neglect of the postmasters in forwarding the express brought by the Yarmouth, which lies with those of Southwark, was 200*l.* damage to the State, as the Yarmouth was forced to lie a week in the Gore. Sends an account of victuals in 6 frigates named in the Downs. The Tiger has come in with a Flemish hoy from Amstersdam, bound for Rouen, laden with goods which Capt. Saunders supposes are French, but the men and papers are under examination by the Sub-commissioners of the Prize Office at Dover. Has victualled the Gainsborough for a month out of the Lyme, and ordered the Hare pink to convoy the Fraternity of New England towards Scilly, so that there are now none but the Drake left, either for convoys or to cruise in the Narrow. Rear-Admiral Badiley has come in with the Andrew and two others very short of provisions. They lost the General on the 1st inst.	69, 70
„ „	„ „	[Robt. Blackborne.]	To similar effect. Is advised by some merchants to ask leave to write to the Governors of Boulogne and Calais not to give refuge in their ports to the pirates who infest our coast, otherwise their fishermen should not fish on our coasts; if this were done, the fishermen of those places would stone the pirates away.	71
„ „	Roger Baker, *White-hall.*	„	To present his petition for a purser's place to the Commissioners - - - -	72
„ „	John Greene, *Dept-ford.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends the names of 10 ships in ordinary at Deptford, as also of the boatswains and number of men borne upon them; as he is perfecting his quarter books, and doubts whether boatswains ought to be thus kept, desires order.	73, 74
„ „	Jno. Davies - -	Mr. Turner.	Wants the return of 12 receipts annexed to Hen. Brockett's bill of transportation, as he has gone without giving notice thereof.	75
„ „	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	The Watermen's Company have sent in some accounts for pressing men which are high; many of the men never appeared; have put a stop upon them until they know whether the Admiralty Commissioners remit the punishment of the offenders, and whether to allow their charges.	76
„ „	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order that pursers be borne upon 6th rate ships, as well as others, in the place of stewards and clerks of the check.	77
„ 6	„ „	„	Order to advise with Mr. Pett and other builders as to building 4 advice boats - - -	78

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1655. Oct. 6	Rear-Adm. Rich. Badiley, *Andrew, Dover Road.*	[Robt. Blackborne.]	Lost sight of Gen. Blake and his squadron in a fog near the Channel, and also of Rear-Adm. Stokes, but believes they are safe. Has only the Plymouth and Ruby with him, the General having sent the rest of his division home with packets for his Highness and the Commissioners. As his ships are in such a state that it would be hazardous to keep them in the Downs, and are also out of provisions, asks directions.	Vol. 115. 79
" "	Capt. Anth. Young, *Deptford.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends his brother Benj. Young for a gunner's place in one of the new frigates - -	80
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Comrs	Cannot find the Preston's men, and the captain is ill, but the clerk of the check will send up their names and crimes. The master of the Marston Moor refuses to go out in her again; another should be appointed. She cannot take in the sails and pumps required as well as the provisions. The sailmakers are working early and late. The Tredagh, Dartmouth, and Hopewell, will soon be ready to sail, but will want men.	81
" "	" "	"	To like effect. Will go into the Bay and take account of the remains of stores on board the ships there. Has desired the commanders to be careful of them until the survey.	82
" "	Capt. Edw. Blagge, *Marston Moor, Portsmouth Harbour.*	Adm. Com.	Has received theirs, that affairs in America require his speedy return thither; but at the solicitation of his wife and friends at Plymouth desires that he may be excused, and another commander appointed. Jno. Redwood the master, Derrick Curtis, carpenter, and Hill the cook, refuse to go; the others are willing, but there is neither lieutenant nor purser yet come, although the ship has been ready to go to Spithead these three days. Mr. Poortmans would pay the company while in harbour if it were not believed that not three of them would remain afterwards. Recommends Jno. Wentworth for master.	83
" 7	Capt. Philip Gethings, *Portsmouth.*	"	Being very ill, if his ship is to return to her station, begs an order to the master to take the command for a week or two, so as to see how the Lord will be pleased to deal with him.	84
" "	Capt. Giles Heather, *Princess Maria, Downs.*	Navy Comrs	Sends two muster books. Gen. Blake, with 5 sail and a ketch, arrived in the Downs this morning, and 9 sail were sent home on 23 Sept., all being short of provisions. Has been on half allowance himself, and has very little left.	85
" "	Vice-Adm. Jno. Lawson, *Fairfax, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for liberty to come to London to go to see his wife. Hopes Gen. Blake, with his Vice and Rear-Admiral, and 6 or 7 more, will be in the Thames and Chatham this evening.	86
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	The General arrived yesterday; advised him to sail for Chatham, which he did, after which his Vice-Admiral and his Rear-Admiral Stokes came in, with the Unicorn, Bridgwater, and Elias; they have also gone towards the river; to-morrow will send Mr. Pitt, with 7,600*l.* prize money on board the Fairfax, in the William ketch for Chatham. If the General had not arrived, would have presumed to send Vice.-Adm. Badiley to Chatham, as also the 3rd rate frigates, their victuals being nearly spent, and the 4th rate into the river, which the General intends to do. Thanks for leave to come up to see his wife, who is very weak; will leave the business with Capt. Bourne.	87

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1655. Oct. 8	Col. E. Grosvenor -	Adm. Com.	Is obliged for their civilities to his kinsman, Mr. Sharpe; if he did not know him well, would not be engaged for him; Morgan Powell is also willing to join.	Vol. 115. 88
" "	Jno. Hill, *Treasury of the Navy.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Mr. White for a purser's place, Mr. Alderne having promised him one - -	89
" "	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	As the master of the Marston Moor will not go in the return voyage, there is much need of another. Send the diver employed to find the guns belonging to the Liberty for a further allowance. He has received 30*l.* on account of his wages and to make engines; although the weather has prevented his expectations, he doubts not but to do some good in the spring east winds.	90
" "	Capt. Mic. Nutton, *Satisfaction, Falmouth.*	"	On orders from the Council at Dublin, to take in the remainder of the goods belonging to Lord-Deputy Fleetwood, and then, upon arriving at Deptford, to wait instructions from the Admiralty Commissioners, set sail on 27 Sept.; but meeting with very rough weather, sprung several leaks, and had to keep the pumps going until he got into Falmouth; having now stopped them, will proceed. The Sorlings and Bryer are at Falmouth.	91
" "	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	"	Has desired the commanders of 5 ships to supply 10 men's victuals each, so as to get the Marston Moor's provisions on board, which may be done in 3 hours, if the other captains will lend men as they have promised; as she is unmanned, questions whether she should be sent out without 50 at the least, and Capt. Myngs cannot engage one of her men. Desires a warrant for his discharge.	92
" "	Capts. Chas. Thorowgood and Edw. Blagge, *Portsmouth.*	"	Hearing that Mr. Poortmans intended paying off the Marston Moor, notwithstanding she is still in harbour, went to him and found the money ready upon the table; but having told him that if he paid before she arrived at Spithead, it would be a great hindrance to the service, he put up the money again, and went to London for further order. Thereupon the mariners, thinking they were deluded, began to be in a great distemper, until persuaded to wait till the Commissioners' decision was obtained; think they had now better be paid.	93
" "	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Some 7 ships have been seen about the Nore Head; as soon as they arrive, will send an express. Asks where the men are to be paid. 3 ships have arrived with timber from Dean Forest, but it cannot be got out until 40 tons of shot laden upon it are disposed of. Attended two days last week at the sessions, on the trial of two men for stealing a piece of cable and a great piece of iron; although they were both alike guilty, one was acquitted and the other burnt in the hand.	94
" "	" "	Robt. Blackborne.	A Flemish ship arrived from Bristol with timber, is very leaky, and has no bill of lading for the shot. Asks what is to be done with it.	95

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1655. Oct. 8	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Seven sail have been seen near the Nore Head, supposed to be some of Gen. Blake's fleet, two having flags in the main and foretops; as those appointed for Chatham will probably be at their moorings to-morrow, asks what to do with their men. Has ordered Mr. Hill to go to those ships, with instructions to keep off all hoys until they arrive at anchor. Will go and meet them to-morrow himself.	Vol. 114. 96
„ „	„ „	Navy Comrs	The Fairfax having arrived, asks what to do with her, and where her men are to be paid. Is in hand with the Naseby, but dares not sheathe her with the glassy nails sent from London, as being so brittle, scarcely one will hold a blow without breaking. The 3 West India ships will soon sail. Sends some demands from the storekeeper, which he wishes hastened down.	97
„ „	Thos. Pointer -	„	Delivered their warrant to Mr. Packwood, clerk of the check at Woolwich, for entering himself and servant on board the Speaker, but he scruples, because ordered to enter only a certain number, and no steward. As it is in course for pursers to be borne on 3rd-rate ships while in harbour, desires an order to enter him.	98
„ 9	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs and Treasurer.	Order to pay off the wages due to Edw. Hooper, late master's mate of the Islip - - -	99
„ „	„ „	„	Order to allow Mathew Davies his pay for the time he served in the Elizabeth as chaplain, though he had no warrant for so officiating.	100
„ „	„ „	„	Order to pay Capt. Edw. Tarleton, late commander of the Islip, and Jno. Sayers master, ½ their wages, and reserve the other ½ for their neglect in performance of their duty as to the loss of the frigate.	101
„ „	Capt. Jos. Ames, *Winsby, Falmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Left Newfoundland the 15th ult., and the fleet having this day gone for Falmouth, went with them; Reserve is plying up to Plymouth with 2 or 3 others. Desires they will forward an enclosure from Newfoundland, as also a young deer for his Highness, from New England. Will see the ships to their several ports, and then proceed to Portsmouth.	102
„ „	Capt. R. Blake, *the Hampshire, Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is almost ready to sail, but the ship is very much worm eaten, and the powder much damaged; will make shift with 24 barrels. The mainmast has also sprung, but may serve for 2 months longer in the Channel.	103
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Col. John Clarke.	Is much importuned by Mrs. Blagge to prevent her husband's being sent on the next voyage. She is a sober, good woman, has 8 or 9 children, and is passionately affected with his absence. Begs that he may be spared this voyage.	104
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	The frigate taken by the Saphire and Nightingale is new and a good sailer. Will use all means to get rid of the prisoners, and has promised them to 2 owners of ships if they will ship some stout crews. The Taunton has been provisioned and gone to Portsmouth, and the Nantwich and Assurance into Catwater.	105
„ „	Wm. Hempson -	Robt. Blackborne.	Vice-Adm. Badiley had sent all the frigates to the Thames before the Commissioners' letter was received.	106

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1655. Oct. 9	Wm. Mayden -	Gen. Jno. Desborow.	Hopes he will see that his petition is read, and something done towards finding him employment. Is recommended by Major-Gen. Skippon, and has seen much service against the Hollander.	Vol. 115. 107
,, ,,	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	Sent the packet to Gen. Blake, who would have been at his moorings if he had not anchored at Sheerness. A dogger boat has arrived with 8 chests of money from the Downs. The General having sent for him and Mr. Arkinstall, they are about taking a boat to go. As no victuals have arrived for the 3 vessels setting out, will dispatch them to the Hope, where they may receive victuals. Waits an order to dispose of the 40 tons of shot from Dean Forest.	108
,, ,,	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Greyhound.*	,,	Has rigged, ballasted, and got the guns, &c., on board, and will sail for the Hope to get men; has 16, but should have 30.	109
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Rear-Adm. Dakins has agreed to take and dispose of the men between the Lion, Dover, and his own ship, and send in the Middleborough with the Torrington and Swiftsure's men; if sent in with her own, they would soon be gone. The Tiger has come in for a new bowsprit, and several others wait provisions.	110
,, 10	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs and Treasurer.	Order to suspend the wages of Gutteridge, gunner of the Unicorn, and Jno. Castle, gunner of the Diamond, for embezzlement.	111
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	Order to pay off Gen. Blake's fleet as fast as they can, according to order of the Protector and Council.	112
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *the Dartmouth, Portsmouth.*	,,	On arriving from London, found the ship had only her low mast set, and only a man and boy entered, but has procured more men, and hopes to get others, besides those expected from London, and will then proceed to Spithead. Sends a certificate from Capt. Jno. Tippetts on behalf of Elias Wharff, as carpenter. Wants to return to London, to settle his accounts and wages, which he has not done for 3 years, as also an executorship, &c.	113, 114
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Plumleigh, *Reserve, Plymouth Sound.*	,,	In July, certified his departure from Plymouth, and the taking and sending in there of a ship of Rochelle with fish; has since met another from Newfoundland, from whom he demanded the 10th due to the State, but as she had little money, was forced to receive 10*l.*, 6 hogsheads of train oil, and 100 of dry fish. Since then, has been guarding the English fishery from the French, of whom there have been 100 sail fishing on the coast; the English have generally made a good voyage, and gone home. Will go for Portsmouth, but if he is to keep at sea, will want another suit of sails.	115

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1655.				Vol. 115.
Oct. 10	Wm. Webb, *Reserve*, *Plymouth Sound.*	Navy Comrs	To like effect. Went into the Bay of Bulls, where they found the English fishing without molestation; 3 weeks before, there were 3 French men-of-war endeavouring to get into our harbour, but they were prevented by the weather. They carried one boat and 3 Englishmen in her, and are reported to be gone for Canada. Many of the fishers are gone, and 21 sail are ready to go for England; a great part of our fleet have gone for Falmouth, under convoy of Capt. Ames of the Winsby. Has 6 weeks' provisions left, and is making for Portsmouth.	115
,, ,,	Capt. Anth. Young, *Deptford.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has been prevented by illness from going to his ship at Portsmouth. Has sent to his lieutenant to get her ready for sailing against he comes; begs to be excused to the Commissioners.	117
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Will do his utmost while left in charge during the absence of the Vice-Admiral in London; has directed the Drake and Advice to convoy some vessels, and then ply off the Ness and the French coast. The Gainsborough sailed as convoy for Dunkirk, but having met the packet boat, who stated that the Spaniards have made a stop and seizure of all English vessels in that port, she has returned.	118
,, ,,	,, ,,	Robt. Blackborne.	To like effect - - - - - - - - - - -	119
,, ,,	Capt. Dan. Baker, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has nearly completed his repairs; will survey and complete his provisions. No purser has arrived; has engaged Rich. Kneebon, recommended by the master builder, as carpenter.	120
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *the Weymouth, Hoseley Bay.*	,,	The fishers are in a very good posture, and have not yet been disturbed; the Holland busses that formerly hindered them are not in close order, and do not come within our fleet, but only such as pass through to carry their herrings to Yarmouth. The French fishers have been blown upon their own coast by the storms, which have hindered the fishing, and done much damage to the nets.	121
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood.	,,	Has sent an express about a mutiny amongst the company of the Marston Moor about their pay; 150 of them started for London, but many returned. The Deputy-Governor has an order from Lord Lambert to provide a vessel to carry a prisoner to Scilly; the Hopewell pink might serve. The pursers of the Marston and Preston have come down, and Capt. Blagge has recommended a master. The Tredagh and Dartmouth will soon be ready, if men appear and an order to enter them; the Diamond is taking in provisions.	122
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	,,	Capt. Taylor and Mr. Pett, master shipwright, propound for the 4 advice boats, vessels 42 feet long and 16 broad, ketch fashion, to carry 6 or 8 guns, and provisions for 30 or 40 men, at a cost of 300*l.* each; 2 to be built at Chatham and Woolwich, 2 by contract; desire their concurrence. Cannot procure glaziers, smiths, masons, coopers, caulkers, or armourers; those sent last year have not improved much; some workmen may be found upon the place, and if so, a great charge will be prevented. Send the names of ships at Deptford and Woolwich; ask order respecting the accounts of the Governors of Watermen's Hall.	123

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1655.				Vol. 115.
Oct. 10	Robt. Waith, *Sudbury.*	Thos. Turner, *Deptford.*	Begs postponement of the meeting of himself and other competitors about a contract for canvas, or he will not be able to attend. Asks the names of the other competitors.	124
„ „	John Packwood, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Arrival of 5 ships named	125
„ „	John Greene, *Deptford.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends his half-yearly account of ships in harbour, viz., 13 ships and 27 men and boys. The Old Warwick wants a boatswain in the place of the one discharged.	126
„ „	———	Council	List of 71 ships with the number of men borne on each; 11,000 in all	127
„ „	Capt. Phil. Holland	—	Account of stores on board the Assurance	128
„ 11	Jno Hooper and 2 others.	—	Survey of the defects in the Assurance	129
„ „	„ „	—	Like survey of the Nantwich	130
„ „	Capt. Joseph Ames, *Winsby, Spithead.*	Navy Com^{rs}	While in Newfoundland, supplied Nich. Redwood, commander of a ship belonging to Ald. John Frederick of London, with a stream cable for the security of the ship and their lives, they having damaged their own through extremity of the weather; encloses Redwood's bill on Ald. Frederick for it, which he hopes will be met.	131
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	Sent from Falmouth a letter to his Highness, with a young deer from Mr. Williams, President in Providence Plantation, New England. Came out of Falmouth yesterday, with 12 sail of Newfoundlanders, and waits orders.	132
„ „	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Cornelian, Dover.*	„	Has arrived from Jersey with John Lilburne, and several hogsheads of cider from Col. Gibbon, Governor, and waits orders. Begs removal into a ship of more force; could do more had he the ability; there are many offenders about these parts daily, and between them and the Brest men-of-war, a small frigate like his cannot annoy them, as will be understood by Col. Gibbon's letter.	133
„ „	Capt. Alex. Farly, *the Basing, Milford Haven.*	„	According to order from Gen. Monk at Dumbarton, sailed for Inverlochy with the money for the garrison, and has now come in for instructions; his victuals are expended, and the ship having been off the ground 6 months is very foul.	134
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	The George, Andrew, and Unicorn have come to anchor below Gillingham; hopes to get them up to their moorings, and asks an order for payment of their men. No victuals have arrived for the two frigates, nor any one to take care of the shot stowed upon the timber sent from Dean Forest.	135
„ „	„ „	Adm. Com.	To similar effect. Sent away their letter to Gen. Blake	136
„ „	Capt. Rich. Potter, *Constant Warwick.*	„	Returns a letter received from Capt. Hatsell for Gen. Blake, not being able to find him, as he has gone home. Will call at Lisbon, when unable to keep out longer, for orders.	137

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1655. Oct. 11	Capt. John Smith, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Asks an order to haul the Pearl on shore, and a deputy to be appointed in the room of the carpenter, who is sick.	Vol. 115. 138
„ 12	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to pay Capt. Jeremy Country the wages due for the time he served in the Portsmouth shallop.	139
„ „	Augustine Aldridge, *Lydney.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends account of timber at Lydney Pill, and asks money to carry on the work, as he is bound to pay for carriage and wages, and payment is the life of all good employment.	140, 141
„ „	Capt. Roger Cuttance, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	The ships that came home may be repaired in dry dock; the Foresight requires the most. Care has been taken to prevent embezzlements by boatswains, gunners, and carpenters, and a survey made of their remains by each commander. The Diamond has sailed.	142
„ „	Capt. Christ. Myngs, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	On arriving at Portsmouth, found his company in such an attitude as does not admit of further employment; for his own influence on them, they are most strange faces to him, and if pressed, they might infect others with their own baseness and fear. His first business will be to get the frigate to Spithead, and then may lay a groundwork to the manning; there are some men belonging to some of the Straits' ships who may be willing to go if their money is paid.	143
„ „	Capt. Robt. Sansum, *the Portsmouth, Spithead.*	„	When off the Isle of Wight, there being much wind, his main chain plates gave way, and the mainmast broke short off. Has notice of a ship of 26 guns, very richly laden, coming from Newhaven, bound South, ready to sail with the first wind.	144
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	Received their express whilst going to pay the Marston's men; has secured two of the worst, and sends their accusation made by the boatswain; none of the men appear. Has desired Capt. Cuttance to get out the ship, as Capt. Myngs desires to have her as soon as possible. The Hopewell pink will soon be ready, if she has men, as also the Dartmouth; the Winsby, Reserve, Taunton, and Portsmouth have arrived. The master of the Preston is thought an able and careful seaman. Capt. Blagge has gone. Encloses returns of ships' stores.	145
„ „	Capt. Thos. Vallis, *Portsmouth.*	„	Received their letter from Capt. Hatsell, took in a week's provisions, and came to Portsmouth; desires orders.	146
„ „	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *the Dartmouth, Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	His ship has been tallowed; has entered several men, expects more, and will get to Spithead when ordered, and use all diligence on his station; his guns have not arrived.	147
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has put in hand the making of the 2 pinnaces, 3 dozen spars, &c., to be sent in the Indian for the 15 frigates; some shall be shipped at once; the three great ships are laid up two miles below Gillingham till next spring.	148
„ 13	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	„	Has completed 6 of the pumps ordered for the ships in America, and is in hand with 4 more, 2 of which will be chain pumps, in case any of the ships should leak much; all will be ready by the 17th. As Mr. Dymock fears the hammocks will not be completed, desires they will send down 1,000. Particulars of ships.	149

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1655. Oct. 13	Capt. Lamb. Cornelius, *Cornelian, Dover.*	Adm. Com.	His frigate having received some injury through the foul weather, and being unfit to go to sea, has come in to be repaired.	Vol. 115. 150
,, ,,	Thos. White, *Dover*	,,	Begs an order for repairing the Cornelian; having no authority from the generals or commander-in-chief, dares not commence the work, save stopping her leaks, without one.	151
,, ,,	,, ,,	Navy Comrs	To like effect - - - - - - - - - -	152
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *Chatham.*	Adm. Com.	The Indian is ready to take in her victuals and cargo, but wants a master; recommends Mr. Tobias' son, who has been on a similar voyage.	153
,, ,,	Derrick Curtis, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Has been employed as carpenter 14 years, been in the wars with the Dutch, and never absent from sea for 3 months together, as is well known to Generals Blake and Penn, and Rear-Adm. Badiley. Was also employed by the Protector, while carpenter of the Elizabeth, to build a bridge at Ross, in Ireland, 740 feet over; has since been with Admiral Badiley in the Straits, where he was an instrument in preserving the Paragon from being destroyed, and was then preferred to the Marston Moor as carpenter. Being sick, and having a wife and 5 children to work for, begs to provide a substitute, being unable to go her present voyage.	154
,, ,,	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	,,	Cannot employ the bearer in rigging the new frigate until a quantity of shrouds and stays for other ships are fetched away.	155
,, ,,	Capt. Edm. Thomson, *Advantage, Liverpool.*	Navy Comrs	Having received his provisions, fell down to the Black Rock, when the wind shifting, was forced back to Trangmore Lyne, where he formerly rode.	156
,, ,,	,, ,,	R. Blackborne.	Begs payment to his clerk of the check of the money due on some tickets. With note that the writer has already borrowed and paid 23*l*., but has not yet received all his money.	157
,, ,,	Jno. Sayers - -	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Begs an order for payment of his wages, being far from home and in great straits, with a wife and 7 children.	158
,, ,,	Capt. Phil. Holland -	—	Demand for carpenter's stores required in the Assurance frigate - - - - -	159
,, ,,	Capt. Robt. Vessey, *Nightingale, Falmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Went to Plymouth, repaired, victualled, and plyed between Scilly and Cape Clear, by order of Capt. Heaton, to surprise the Brest men-of-war. Hearing of a small pirate laying thereabouts, and espying a sail, the James of Brest, chased her as far as the Lizard, and then lost sight of her.	160
,, ,,	Jos. Hunt - -	,,	Petition to be purser of the Portsmouth, in which he has served 3 years as steward. With certificates of Capts. John Bourne and Rob. Sansum.	161–163
,, ,,	Capt. Ben. Sacheverell.	Thos. Kelsey.	Recommends the above petition - - - - - - - -	164
,, ,,	Isaac Lukin, steward's mate.	—	Note of provisions on board the Advice - - - - - - - -	165

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1655. Oct. 13	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs and Treasurer.	Order to pay the tickets of such of the ships' companies at Portsmouth, lately returned from the Straits, as are willing to enter the Marston Moor for present service.	Vol. 115. 166
,, ,,	Capt. N. Heaton -	—	Certificate that Edm. Nuton volunteered into the Saphire at Portsmouth last January, and has been honest and diligent.	167
,, 14	Capt. Jno. Geffery -	—	Account of the carpenter's expense of stores from 4 June last, and notes of boatswain and carpenter's stores required.	168–170
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Downs.*	[Robt. Blackborne.]	Sends a list of 5 ships in the Downs, and an account of the victuals on board. Has sent a dogger and ketch as convoy beyond Ostend, and the Gainsborough to Calais. Wants a warrant for his minister.	171, 172
,, ,,	Capt. Philip Gethings, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Waits the remainder of his provisions, delayed by the bad weather; hopes to be well enough to be with his company in a few days, and will then find out where the neglect is.	173
,, 15	Adm. Com. -	Navy Comrs	Order to make out a bill of imprest to Mary, wife of Vice-Admiral Goodson, for 300*l.* on account of her husband's pay, she having a letter of attorney from him.	174
,, ,,	Capt. Dan. Baker, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is waiting for men and gunner's stores, but hopes to proceed on the winter expedition next week.	175
,, ,,	Thos. Malony, Minister, Manlie Callis, and 4 others, *Deptford.*	,,	Recommend Hen. Carless, parishioner of Deptford, as master carpenter for the new frigate building there.	176
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Geffery, *the Nantwich, Catwater.*	,,	Asks whether the money due to his men for short allowance will be paid; the master is careless and ignorant; desires another.	177
,, ,,	E. Hayward, *Chatham.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Rich. Corke, late steward in the James, as a purser; asks further time to execute the Admiralty Commissioners' commands respecting the accounts of the chest.	178
,, ,,	Capt. Christ. Myngs, *Marston Moor, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Wants another carpenter, the former declining to proceed on this voyage - - - -	179
,, ,,	,, ,, -	,,	Request that Mathew Davis, his former chaplain, may be his chaplain in the Marston Moor -	180
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	,,	Ask how several bills of exchange, sent by commanders of the fleet in the West Indies for provisions bought there, and another from Capt. Leverett for 500*l.*, for supplies for the forts in New England, are to be paid. As there is much repairing work going on, the building of the advise boats would be sooner completed by contract.	181
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	Send surveys of provisions and stores aboard the ships from the West Indies. Hear that the Cornelian has come in very leaky, and will require many repairs; ask speedy directions. With their reply, 16 Oct., that they will not go to any heavy expense; but if ordinary repairs will fit the Cornelian for service, she should be put in hand.	182, 183

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1655. Oct. 15	Capt. Mic. Nutton, *Satisfaction, Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	Has brought some of Lord-Deputy Fleetwood's goods from Dublin, and will come up to Deptford as ordered.	Vol. 115. 184
„ „	Com. Peter Pett, *Chatham.*	„	Particulars of ships. The wind being contrary, has been unable to bring up the 3 great ships, but is paying off the George; hopes to dispatch the other 2 by Thursday, the Treasurer having arrived.	185
„ „	Capt. Giles Shelley, *the Colchester, Tynemouth Haven.*	„	Put into Leith Road through foul weather; being sick, could not go on shore. Sent to the General, who ordered that when he had only 14 days' provisions, he was to go in; but if it would last to the end of November, then he was to haul on shore at North Shields, and only wash, which was much needed, as having been off the ground 9 months, her grass was so long and the barnacles and mussels so numerous that every collier outsailed her. On her next coming in, she will want many alterations and repairs. Being victualled to 22 Dec., will hasten to his station.	186
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	„	The Essex wants more breadth, and several alterations. The Tredagh waits a wind, and although some men from the Marston Moor and other ships have joined her, more are required; they may be had about Weymouth and Poole, the New England ships having come home.	187
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood.	Navy Com^rs	Will finish the new sails next week, but cannot stow them from the rats and from rotting, unless he has dry fatts to put them in. The pumps are ready. Asks what to put into the Marston Moor, as some of her old men have re-entered; it is not safe to send her into the Road without 40 or 50, and men are required to get in her provisions. The Admiralty Commissioners have directed Mr. Tippetts to girdle the Essex. Should Gen. Blake's fleet, now in the Bay, come in to refit, they will want a suit of sails each, and there are none in store.	188
„ „	Ordnance Officers -	Adm. Com.	Have fitted the Marston Moor with 54 brass and iron ordnance guns for her present voyage -	189
„ 16	Comrs. of Customs -	Robt. Blackborne.	As the guns and ammunition in the smack employed by the Custom House are exhausted and defective by long usage, want 4 small brass guns of 2 or 3 cwt. each, ammunition, and materials.	190
„ „	John Atkins, *Rochester.*	„	Recommends the late purser of the Triumph, discharged through sickness, for further employment	191
„ „	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has laid up the provisions of the Brest frigate. The Hampshire is still detained for want of a wind, as also the ships with provisions for those in the Sound. Capt. Heaton being still very ill, Capt. Claye of the Bryer should have his command, and Lieut. Thos. Morgan of the Hampshire succeed Claye. John Rye, steward of the Sorlings, should be made a purser. Has ordered the Bryer to convoy the cloth vessels from Topsham to Newhaven. Victualling of ships.	192
„ „	„ „	Robt. Blackborne.	Begs to be remembered to Gen. Blake and Mr. Creed - - - - - - -	193
„ „	Capt. Jno. Best, *Hull.*	„	Wants employment, having refitted himself with necessaries; asks an order to engage men, there being many volunteers.	194

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1655. Oct. 16	John Tye, *Hull* -	Blackborne.	Several vessels have arrived from North Yarmouth to lade lead for transportation; does not wish to prejudice Mr. Putinger, a very honest man, but thinks the Commissioners ought to know this; it must benefit the merchants, and it is questioned whether they have the same rules for weighing it there as here.	Vol. 115. 195
,, ,,	Capt. N. Heaton, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	Asks leave to come to London, being unable to serve through illness - - - -	196
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Cranwill, *Hare, Cowes.*	,,	Waits a wind to convoy the Fraternity of New England as far as Scilly; will have to revictual at Plymouth before returning to the Downs.	197
,, ,,	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for a survey of the defects in the ships lately returned from the Straits and West Indies -	198
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Taylor, *the Lizard.*	Adm. Com.	Account of money paid to his company from the proceeds of the sale of goods taken out of the Trooper of Limerick.	199
,, 17	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *the Dartmouth, Portsmouth.*	,,	Having entered 40 men of his old company, who came from London, and expecting 20 volunteers from Poole, will get his frigate dispatched; hopes they will receive their conduct money as promised.	Vol. 116. 1
,, ,,	Ordnance Officers -	Gunners of ships	Rules for the better regulating of their accounts, the preservation of the stores, and delivering up of the remains at the end of the voyage.	2
,, ,,	Alex. Covill - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for payment of his wages as a mariner in the Portsmouth shallop, taken by a Brest man-of-war. With reference to the Navy Commissioners.	3
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Taylor, and Phin. Pett.	,,	Account of the timber on board a ship belonging to Edw. Whitton of Rochester. The deals are worth from 5*l.* 5*s.* to 7*l.* per 100.	4
,, ,,	Capt. Thos. Vallis, *Portsmouth.*	,,	Has taken an account of the remains of stores on board, and will be careful to prevent embezzlements. The repairs needed may be done at Portsmouth.	5
,, ,,	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^{rs}	Sends copy of a former letter, not having received any reply, and the ship and her company lying idle. The Cornelian is very leaky; Mr. Tatnell is in hand with her; asks orders about her repairs mentioned.	6
,, ,,	Capt. Ben. Sacheverell, *London.*	,,	Cannot attend them on the matter between himself and Rich. Grace, being ordered down to the Nantwich by the Admiralty Commissioners; hopes they will do what is right therein.	7
,, ,,	Capt. Anth. Young, *Tredagh, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has his provisions on board, but waits for beer, of which there is a deficiency through supplying Gen. Blake's fleet at Spithead. Will get out, so as to keep his men on board. Asks orders with regard to the recent alterations concerning clerks of the check and pursers.	8

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1655. Oct. 17	Capt. Anth. Young, *Tredagh, Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Recommends Capt. Wilkes, who has suffered great loss through the burning in the West Indies of the Discovery, of which he was commander, for satisfaction.	Vol. 116. 9
„ „	Capt. Dan. Baker, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Will sail for Scilly next week. Asks how to proceed upon arriving at his station - -	10
„ 18	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill upon the Navy Treasurer for payment of 1,087*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.* due to the owners of the Marmaduke, after deducting Capt. Royden's share of 82*l.* 5*s.* 3¾*d.*, and to take a bill of sale from them for their several shares and interests therein.	11
„ „	Robt. Blackborne, *Whitehall.*	„	The Admiralty Commissioners have ordered the Cornelian to the Downs, where she is to spend her present victuals; if on further survey she be found not fit for sea, they will order her into the river.	12
„ „	Capt. John Bourne, *the Lyme, Downs.*	[Robt. Blackborne.]	Thanks for his friendship; recommends Capt. Valentine Tatnell, formerly of the Rosebush, as fit to be employed in obtaining intelligence from Ostend and Dunkirk. Has received the copy of his minister's warrant; complains of his steward as being absent and idle. Particulars of ships.	13
„ „	Lieut. Hugh Middleton, *the Marston Moor, Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has been detained by contrary winds, but hopes to get to Spithead to-day, and there get some men, as 100 have volunteered; there are 100 merchant ships at Cowes, out of which he expects to get more.	14
„ „	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Wants a deputy appointed during the absence of Edw. Crouch, carpenter of the Pearl, who has long been ill, and unable to assist in getting her out.	15
„ 19	Capt. Joseph Ames, *Winsby, Downs.*	„	Received their letter at Spithead, and sends the bond, which is void, as the conditions have been performed; hopes now for payment of the bill accepted.	16
„ „	Augustus Aldridge, *Lydney, Forest of Dean.*	„	Has sent his accounts for his operations in Dean Forest. Has 13,000 trenails ready for shipment. Will go on providing the best timber. The last shipload sent has arrived at Bristol.	17
„ „	Robt. Browne, *Pembroke.*	Adm. Com.	The Basing has come into Milford from the Scotch coast, by order of Gen. Monk, out of provisions; has supplied her for 28 days, and will tallow her. Capt. Parker came in last week, but did not stay. Several ships bound for Virginia and France wait a wind.	18
„ „	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Plymouth.*	„	Has tallowed and taken in guns, and hopes to be ready for sailing next week. Will want more men. Desires some consideration for those he has, as they have been 6 weeks on short allowance.	19

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Oct. 19	Capt. Robt. Smith, *Rochester.*	Col. Jno. Clarke.	Has searched all the smiths' houses and other suspicious places for the ironwork embezzled, and found 6,300 cwt. of good serviceable articles, nearly 50 cwt. being on one man, and the evidence of his servants proves that the goods seized belonged to the State. Has taken a room to stow them in, also bonds of those having them for their appearance before the Admiralty Commissioners when required. Encloses a paper from the clerk of the check and cook of the Unicorn, accusing the boatswain of embezzlement; advised them to apply to Commissioner Pett, but they think him soft in such matters. With examinations taken 16 Oct., of Steven Clarke, Jeremy Giles, and Jno. Thompson, servant and apprentices to Robt. Moore, of Gillingham, Kent, as to their master's purchasing ships' stores of the carpenters and other officers, and reselling them to the State. Also examination of Rich. Burton, of St. Margaret's, Rochester, blacksmith, 18 Oct., that he bought some of the iron seized of a labourer employed in the State's yard at Chatham, who said he had it from a ship, but does not remember where he purchased the remainder. Also account of embezzled stores found in possession of persons named about Chatham and Rochester, and seized by order of the Admiralty Commissioners.	Vol. 116. 20–25
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Adm. Com.	On their letter about the short allowance money due to the Hampshire, has paid Capt. Blake 7*d.* a day each man, but if the rest of the fleet only have 6*d.*, he will return the difference. Capt. Heaton, being unfit for the winter service, is going home. Wrote Col. Clarke about pursers and the short allowance money for the Nantwich and Assurance. Particulars of ships.	26
,, ,,	Capt. Alex. Farly, *the Basing, Milford Haven.*	,,	Carried the money for the soldiers from Dumbarton Firth to Inverlochy, by order of Gen. Monk, and then came to Milford to clean and victual, having been off the ground 7 months.	27
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	,,	Send intelligence of importance received from Mr. White of Dover - - - -	28
,, ,,	Christ. Pett, *Woolwich.*	Navy Comrs	Recommends Robt. Parsons, carpenter of the Plover, for the Pearl, and desires a warrant to Mr. Packwood to enter him.	29
,, ,,	Capt. Jno. Grove, *Pembroke frigate.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has tried to dispatch his frigate, but had no order to enter men until 3 days after he had his commission; on sending to Deptford for his sails, they had been disposed of to other ships. If he can obtain sails, hopes to get to the Hope on Monday, and the rest of his provisions may be sent after him.	30
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	When commander of the Cardiff in her last voyage, found her tight and well sheathed, but being 14 years old, she was weak abaft; thinks she can be made serviceable at a small charge.	31
,, 20	John Packwood, *Woolwich.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends his reasons for maintaining that it is of greater advantage to the State to have ships fitted out at Woolwich than elsewhere, although some have endeavoured to show to the contrary; 10 seamen home on board wages will do more service therein in one day than 30 of the ship's company; although there is less store room at Woolwich, there are other conveniences which do not exist in the other yards.	32

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1655. Oct. 20	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to suspend the wages of David Rogers, boatswain of the Unicorn, for embezzlement of cordage; also the wages of 9 mariners named belonging to the same ship, for being engaged in a mutiny at Chatham.	Vol. 116. 33
” ”	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Adm. Com.	Has delivered their second warrant to Nich. Jordan for his appearance before them on the 24th instant; he replied that he had written to them thereon.	34
” ”	Capt. Gabriel Saunders, *Tiger, Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has come in for beer, having supplied the Preston when the West India fleet arrived, and lost more in leaking and stinking beer. Upon receipt of 10 tuns just come alongside, will return to his station until his victuals are expended.	35
” ”	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *the Dartmouth, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Having entered 60 men, besides others just come down, desires a warrant for Jno. Robinson, the master, and hopes to sail next week for the Downs.	36
” ”	Capt. Robt. Wilkinson, *the Weymouth.*	”	Sends request by 18 owners of fishing vessels bound westward, for the appointment of the Weymouth as a convoy to see them home, there being a rumour of several Ostend men-of-war out. Has been staying with the fishers, who have not been disturbed either by French or Flemish. The West Country fishers are going home, and those of Yarmouth go in 14 days.	37, 38
” ”	Capt. Anth. Young, *Tredagh, Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is ready to sail, but desires instructions how to act, since the alteration of clerks of the check to pursers.	39
” ”	Thos. Scott, *Deptford.*	[Navy Comrs.].	The new frigate being nearly ready for launching, desires order for entering seamen - -	40
” ”	Josiah Child, *Portsmouth.*	”	Will send accounts, but his disbursements exceed his receipts, and he cannot obtain money on the terms they propose at 30 days' sight, 3 or 6 days being the customary time.	41
” ”	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, John Tippetts.	—	Survey of the defects of the Cardiff at Portsmouth - - - - - -	42
” ”	Ordnance officers -	—	Certificate that Wm. Bous, master gunner of the Marigold, has returned his remains of ordnance, ammunition, &c., into the stores, and given in his account of his expenditure.	43
” ”	Capt. Hen. Pack - -	Navy Com^{rs}	Certifies that Thos. Rouse of the Amity frigate under his command, was at the time of his decease in debt to Anth. Porter, the clerk of the check, whom he called his cousin, and the nearest of kin he had living.	44
” ”	Adm. Com. -	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to allow Jno. Sayers, late master of the Islip, the money due to him as pilot, and to pay the wages due since he has been master.	45
” ”	” ”	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for the navy victualler to send victuals for 500 men for a month to the Fairfax in the Downs, and for supply of any ships there in want, taking the present pursers' or stewards' receipts for the same.	46

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1655. Oct. 20	Adm. Com.	Navy Com^{rs}	Order for a survey of the Elias at Woolwich	Vol. 116. 47
” ”	” ”	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order for washing and tallowing the Basing frigate at Milford, and supplying her with 4 months' victuals.	48
” ”	” ”	Navy Com^{rs}	Order to make out a bill to Rear-Adm. Geo. Dakins, of Gen. Penn's fleet, for his pay at 20*s.* a day while he served in the Paragon.	49
” 22	” ”	”	Order for an account to be taken of the remains of stores brought home by Gen. Blake's fleet	50
” ”	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	The Reserve and Winsby have arrived; the Gainsborough and Advice wait wind and weather, and the Greyhound has gone as convoy. Will dispose of the victuals as directed, and give orders to the steward of the Fairfax and check of the Lyme, when they return from London.	51
” ”	” ”	Robt. Blackborne.	To like effect. Hopes Mr. Creed is better	52
” ”	Josiah Child, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	May be able to take up 2,000*l.* or 3,000*l.* at Winchester and Southampton in a few days, if ordered. Has been ordered from the Admiralty Commissioners to pay by ticket all volunteers to the Marston Moor out of Gen. Blake's fleet, and the captain intends to let the men receive their whole pay, although it would be safer to detain a part until the ship is at sea; has good reason to believe they will desert as soon as they receive full pay; but as he persists in paying, desires orders.	53
” ”	E. Hayward, *Chatham.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Jno. Culmer's accounts for the State's provisions being satisfactory, they may grant his allowance as heretofore.	54
” ”	Capt. Christ. Myngs, *the Marston Moor, Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Has been delayed from getting out; the victuallers cannot accomplish their part in less than a fortnight, and a carpenter is wanting; hopes they will consider the labour of swimming against the stream. Has enlisted 100 volunteers, and might have had 50 more, from the plyers in the Channel, but for Capt. Thorowgood, who alleged that it was against order; no money has yet arrived to pay those willing to serve, and Capt. Nixon is unwilling to discharge such as are free.	55
” ”	Navy Comrs.	”	Report on the petition of Simon Arrowsmith, late steward of the Islip, cast away upon the Scotch coast, that they cannot disprove that the remains of victuals were not lost with her, and know no reason why his bond should not be delivered up.	56
” ”	” ”	”	Have ordered a survey to be made of the defects in the Elias at Woolwich and send particulars; with the survey by Christ. Pett and Sam. Raven.	57, 58
” ”	Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	”	Sends account of ships returned from the Straits, and their wants. Desires they will hasten the 1,000 hammocks for the ships in Jamaica, as the Marston Moor can receive them next week, having some men enlisted and more expected.	59

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1655. Oct. 22	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Send survey of the Cardiff, which is fit for a man-of-war, and may be ready in 14 days if furnished with men and provisions, as may also the Marston Moor. Particulars of ships.	Vol. 116. 60
,, ,,	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Sends a certificate on behalf of Mr. Chillingworth, who has been much maligned. Hears that Wifield would have sent stinking fish to Gen. Blake's fleet had it not been prevented; he tried to cause mutiny among the seamen for want of fish money, and has thrown much discredit on the State by causing the ordinary to neglect their business in running after him for their money, which he agreed to give them for victuals.	61
,, 23	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Comrs	Order for taking off the workmen employed upon the new ship at Chatham, and from other work where they can be spared, that they may be wholly applied to dispatch the Triumph.	62
,, ,,	,, ,,	,,	Order to direct the cleaning and revictualling of the Drake and Cornelian at Dover - -	63
,, ,,	Captain Lambert Cornelius, *the Cornelian, Dover.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Delivered the cider to Mr. White, who has shipped it for London. Asks influence to get him removed to a better ship, which has been often promised.	64
,, ,,	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Navy Comrs	Sends accounts for disbursements in refitting frigates, for goods bought for the stores and gunners, amounting together to 799*l.* 0*s.* 2*d.*, for which he has charged bills on the treasurer. Particulars of ships. Will shortly have to trouble them about a supply of stores, and is much importuned for money due to sick and aged men discharged from the Nantwich and Assurance, whose tickets were delivered to Edw. Pattison to procure the money, as also by two poor women, whose husbands died in the West India expedition, and who have sent up letters of attorney to Fras. Hacker, to receive their husbands' due.	65
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	To similar effect. Will pay the company of the Nantwich their short allowance money at 6*d.* a day; Capt. Geffery objects to the master as unfit for his duties.	66
,, ,,	Capt. Phil. Holland, *Assurance, Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Is taking in provisions, and will be ready to sail this week - - - - -	67
,, ,,	Robt. Kirby, Isa. Chere, Edw. Harris.	—	Certificate that Tho. August and Robt. Porter, of the Sophia, were left on the island near Pharoh, by order of the General, to look after some masts put on shore there, and had short allowance money due from 23 Mar. to 12 Aug. 1655, but between 1 May and 23 July they were on full allowance.	68
,, ,,	Navy Comrs. - -	Adm. Com.	Ask how to dispose of a quantity of clothing brought back by Gen. Penn's fleet from the Indies, supplied by Vice-Adm. Goodson, as being defective, and much eaten by rats, it is unfit to be sent there again.	69
,, ,,	Ordnance Officers -	Navy Comrs	Propose that the powder makers be ordered to deliver all powder into the stores in casks, warranted wind and water-tight, made of the best material, of double thickness, and bound with 12 hoops, and that they be allowed 8*d.* for each cask; also that a number of similar casks be sent in to pack the loose powder for supply ships.	70

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1655. Oct. 23	Capt. Geo. Pley, *London.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Asks assistance for Isaac Holmes of Weymouth, in obtaining the command of a ship, having long been so employed.	Vol. 116. 71
" "	[Capt. Robt. Smith, *Rochester.*]	—	Examination before him of Jas. Gibson of Rochester, blacksmith, that he purchased 12lbs. of old ship iron, such as spikes, bolts, &c., and 48lbs. of shot, iron bars, &c., of Thos. Ashby, who said it was given to him by some of the company of the Andrew for carrying their goods. With Gibson's bond, 24 Oct., in 100*l.* for his appearance before the Admiralty Commissioners on summons.	72, 73
" "	Capt. Anth. Young, *Tredagh, Spithead.*	Adm. Com.	Has received their instructions, and will repair to the Downs, but it is blowing hard - -	74
" 24	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Downs.*	Robt. Blackborne.	The captain of the Winsby having brought home a deer as a present to the Protector, and received no order therein, has sent it on board the Reserve, whose captain has 6 hogsheads of train oil, and 30*l.* in money received from a Biscaneer at sea on account of 10ths. Particulars of ships.	75
" "	Captain Lambert Cornelius, *the Cornelian, Dover.*	Navy Com^rs	Will soon be ready to sail; desires order to the Sub-Commissioners at Dover to recruit the chest of his surgeon, who has not reserved free gift or imprest money; wants new main shrouds.	76
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	Desires order to Mr. White to supply him with victuals. Although well acquainted with the windings and turnings about Jersey, cannot alone and with such a small vessel prevent all those pirates which daily annoy it, to the great prejudice of those isles.	77
" "	Capt. Thos. Harrison, *Upnor Castle.*	Robt. Blackborne.	As the business of settling pursers is before the Admiralty Commissioners, desires he will remind them of the petition and certificates of Stephen Pyend for a purser's place; he served 3 years as purser and steward in the Vanguard, &c.	78
" "	" "	Col. Jno. Clarke.	To like effect. Pyend has served the State 7 years, was in all the engagements against the Dutch, and behaved stoutly.	79
" "	" "	Col. Kelsey.	To like effect. Spoke to Mr. St. Nicholas about Mr. Crocker's being removed to Ash, and he wished it were done.	80
" "	Abra. Hulett - -	Adm. Com.	Petition for payment of the arrears of wages due to Thos. Blackman, late of Portsmouth, Marshal General to the fleet, and captain of a foot company in the expedition to America, who died at Jamaica 19 May. He bequeathed most of his estate to Francis, his only son, but not appointing any executor, and his son being an infant, the Prerogative Court granted administration to petitioner. With certificates of Mark Cottle, registrar, and Gen. Penn, to that effect; and reference by the Admiralty Commissioners to the Navy Commissioners, to make out a bill as desired, on production of the letters of administration.	81–83
" "	Capt. Jno. Taylor -	[Navy Comrs.]	A new graving place for ships having been made near the yard at Chatham, it is found necessary to make a wharf near it, which will cost 100*l.*; asks a warrant.	84
" "	" "	—	Survey of deals at Rochester belonging to Mr. Whitton, value 5*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*, and 7*l.* a 100, all fit for service.	85

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1655. Oct. 24	Capt. Thos. Wilson, *Dover Castle.*	Col. Kelsey.	Sends a return of the business of Feversham; there will be a great breach between the parties if some expedient be not offered. If the wardens would nominate Mr. Gibbon to the town, it would be a good expedient.	Vol. 116. 86
„ „	Capt. Ben. Sacheverell, *the Norwich, Hope.*	Adm. Com.	Has used all expedition in getting the victuals and stores on board, and if he can procure more men, will sail to the Downs, though much of the carpenter's work has to be finished. Recommends Rich. Cooper for minister.	87
„ „	Capt. Chas. Thorowgood, *Portsmouth.*	„	The Marston Moor went out with only 30 men, although 110 were entered. Capt. Myngs is displeased that he was not allowed to have some out of the Preston, and is confident she will have to stay awhile, until properly manned.	88
„ 25	„ „	„	Particulars of the arrival of ships	89
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^{rs}	To like effect	90
„ „	Adm. Com.	„	Order for fitting out the Lion, Mathias, Convertine, Bear, and Cardiff, as men-of-war for foreign service.	91
„ „	„ „	Navy Com^{rs} and Treasurer.	Order to give directions for sheathing the Naseby at Chatham	92
„ „	„ „	„	Order to examine the account of Capt. Tarleton, commander of the Islip, which he promises to verify by the evidence of his company, his books and papers being lost when the ship was cast away.	93
„ „	„ „	„	Order to pay off the Satisfaction at Deptford	94
„ „	Capt. Robt. Clarke, *the Bristol, Spithead.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for favours; having sent particulars of his voyage to the Admiralty Commissioners, will not trouble him with them.	95
„ „	Capt. Robt. Nixon, *Centurion.*	Adm. Com.	Recommends Robt. Whetnall, clerk of the check of the Centurion, as purser under the new regulations.	96
„ „	Comr. Peter Pett	—	Certificate of the good conduct of Mich. Miles, late steward of the Entrance, while at Chatham	97
„ „	Capt. Jno. Smith, *Gravesend.*	Adm. Com.	After waiting at Woolwich 3 days for his provisions, which lay in a hoy by his ship two tides, was forced to meet her at Blackwall, to tow her aboard. Will hasten to the Downs.	98
„ „	Capt. Anth. Young, *Tredagh, Downs.*	„	Spoke a Dutch man-of-war of 40 guns off Beachy Head, but she had no news. She seemed a fine new ship, so she and he tried, but he was too hard for her in sailing.	99
„ 26	Capt. Dan. Baker, *Portsmouth.*	„	Only wants men, but they are hard to get; there is no money to pay those of the Straits' fleet, which causes the men to be backward. Desires that such as he can influence, having tickets granted, may be paid off when he comes in to revictual. Would have been at Spithead but for the weather.	100

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1655. Oct. 26	Rich. Browne, *Pembroke.*	Major Robt. Thomson.	Milford being appointed a victualling port, informed Col. Clarke, when at London, of the applications made to him for provisions for tallowing and fitting the ships appointed on the coast, but time did not permit the obtaining what he wanted. The Basing being there on his return, and the captain being out of money, furnished him with supplies for tallowing, and will send up the account. Husbanded the expense, but the weather being so foul, the boats with the guns were forced to attend 6 days, which augmented the charge. Some one should be appointed to do such things; if he is to do them, will endeavour the good of the public.	Vol. 116. 101
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	Arrival and repairs of ships - - - - - - - - -	102
" "	Capt. Alex. Farly, *the Basing, Milford Haven.*	"	Sent two letters since his arrival, and waits orders. Having been off the ground 7 months, and being very foul, has tallowed and fitted, and now requires provisions.	103
" "	Capt. Nich. Foster, and 3 others.	—	Certificate that Tristram May, late clerk of the check of the Phœnix, faithfully discharged his duties, as well in the engagements with the enemy as at all other times, and is well qualified to be a purser.	104
" "	Capt. Hen. Hatsell, *Plymouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Delivered the tickets for the Nantwich and Assurance to Captains Geffery and Holland, and advised them to be careful how they gave them out, Capt. Sparling, of the Assurance, has come in with a cracked bowsprit, and brought in a little bunker with her. There are 9 vessels which were bound for St. Sebastian and Bilboa, one from New England, and 8 with fish from Newfoundland which are come off from St. Anthony's Road, near Bilboa, one of the masters having notice of the seizure and embargo there. He will have his hands full if there is a war with Spain.	105
" "	" "	Adm. Com.	Will pay the captains of the Nantwich and Assurance their short allowance money; but for the weather, they would have had their 4 months' provisions on board. Mr. Fox has signed his bond. Mr. Barber, purser of the Assurance, doubts not but his friends will be bound. Delivered the instructions to Captains Geffery and Holland, who promised to be careful of their charge. Capt. Sparling has come in with a cracked bowsprit. He met, amongst other ships, a ship of London from St. Anthony's, near Bilboa, who told him of the embargo and seizure in Spain, which he had imparted to other ships, who thereupon all came away. Sparling also met 5 ships of Bilboa and St. Sebastian, laden with fish, from Newfoundland, bound home, and suffered them to pass, having no orders to meddle with them.	106
" "	Navy Comrs. -	"	Understanding that the Bristol, with Capt. Haddock, Mr. Morley, and Master Everett, commanders of the 3 victualling ships sent to Gen. Blake's fleet, has arrived at Spithead, desire order for the disposal of the provisions on board, and whether they shall unlade at Portsmouth. With order 27 Oct., that the Hannibal discharge her stores at Portsmouth, and her victuals be given to Capt. Alderne's instrument, and that the others discharge their stores in like manner, and then come to London.	107, 108

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1655. Oct. 26	Capt. Jno. Parker, *Truelove, Milford Haven.*	Adm. Com.	Came in to victual. Had very sore weather at sea, and they were in great hazard of their lives, if Providence had not cast them into Waterford Harbour. The ship being small, the channel narrow and dangerous, and the nights long, they are unable to endure the seas; if he is to stay out the winter, asks some other station, as where he is, he can do no service.	Vol. 116. 109
„ 27	Adm. Com.	Navy Comrs	Order for the sheathing of the Entrance, under repair in Chatham Dock	110
„ „	„ „	„	Order for the sheathing of the Speaker	111
„ „	„ „	„	Order for the sheathing and refitting the Success, Lion, Mathias, and other ships mentioned in their order of the 25th inst.	112
„ „	Capt. Dan. Baker, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Wind and weather favouring, got to Spithead, and on obtaining 15 more men, will proceed according to instructions.	113
„ „	Capt. Jno. Bourne	„	Certificate of the good behaviour and diligence of Wm. Healey when under him in the Assistance, as pilot and master's mate, and since as master of the Centurion.	114
„ „	Thos. Hall, boatswain of the *Worcester, Woolwich.*	Comr. Bourne.	Begs him to sign the tickets for the wages of Jas. Wickliffe and Edw. King, stopped until further evidence as to whether they or their former master, Jno. Flower, should receive them; when they came into the Worcester under Capt. Hill, they could not go to sea for want of clothes, whereupon he supplied them; they have been long under restraint, and the master knows by the trial at Guildhall that they were freed from him.	115
„ „	Geo. Dawson, *Custom House, Newcastle.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Begs payment of salvage for an anchor and cable belonging to the Sun, taken up near Tynemouth Bar by some fishermen, and brought to Shields.	116
„ „	Jno. Hook	—	Deposition that when he was attending upon the James, commanded by Capt. Stokes, 2 small guns seized were supplied for the ketch, with 16 rounds of shot, by order of General Blake, $1\frac{1}{2}$ years since.	117
„ „	Capt. Hugh Middleton, *Portsmouth.*	Blackborne.	Since receiving his commission and instructions, has seen Capt. Thorowgood and the master shipwright, who with himself will endeavour to get the ship out, but there are no officers, save the boatswain; Mr. Tippetts has sent to London for the carpenter. Asks a press warrant, and what number of men he is to carry.	118
„ „	Thos. Newberry, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	Is taking about 20 brass and substituting 16 iron ordnance in the Marston Moor; the Cardiff will carry about 28 pieces as a man-of-war, although she only had 18 as a victualler. If they will sell the outlandish iron ordnance on Tower Wharf, will send a merchant who will buy them at a good price.	119
„ „	Ezekiel Pakeman	Col. Clarke	As to his abilty to manage the purser's place in the Resolution, dares challenge any purser in England concerning either the theoretical or practical part of that employment; if conferred on him, will execute it with all faithfulness.	120

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Oct. 27	Capt. Robt. Robinson, *the Dartmouth, Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Received the Commissioners' letter and his master's warrant, and will hasten to the Downs, having nearly all on board save the guns and men. Hopes to get men, though with much trouble, but does not intend to carry one pressed man.	Vol. 116. 121
„ „	Martin Simon -	Adm. Com.	Petition for the place of purser, having served as clerk of the check in the Discovery 3 years, and suffered much loss; with certificates of Capt. Thos. Wilkes, Commissioners Peter Pett and Thos. Wilson.	122–124
„ „	Capt. Ja. Tarry, *Indian, Chatham.*	„	Is fitting his ship, but as few seamen are to be had, desires some may be impressed at London; has not sufficient to get to the Hope. Wants to have a half deck built, with a mainmast.	125
„ „	Capt. Jno. Tippetts, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^rs^	Received their warrants for fitting and repairing 17 ships, but only two are in harbour, the rest being at Spithead. Sent an account of their wants, and an estimate of the charge. The works will take a long time to accomplish, with only 180 men of all sorts, as other work may come in. Asks whether he may increase the number, and what ships he is to put in hand first.	126
„ „	Capt. Wm. Whitehorn, *the Gainsborough, Portsmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has been in the Downs under the Vice-Admiral and Capt. Bourne, and has come in to tallow and refit. Has spared Capt. Myngs 10 men; hopes a further supply speedily.	127
„ 28	Rich. Brooke, *Gatehouse.*	Lieut.-Col. Kelsey.	Having patiently waited some hours for redemption, but in vain, sends a petition to the Commissioners, and desires favour in getting it read; is confident that a summons to attend them will make him yield to good and honest things.	128
„ 29	Adm. Com. - -	Navy Com^rs^	Order to enter 50 more workmen at Deptford, 60 at Woolwich, 100 at Chatham, and 50 at Portsmouth, an order of 27 Jan. last limiting the whole establishment to 980 notwithstanding, they being required for fitting out the winter guard and next summer's fleet.	129
„ „	„ „	Wm. Willoughby, Navy Com^r^.	Order for the ships at Spithead, returned from the Straits, and belonging to Gen. Blake's fleet, to repair to Portsmouth, to be paid off and refitted.	130
„ „	Capt. Jno. Bourne, *the Lyme, Downs.*	Adm. Com.	Has appointed the Winsby to take charge of the vessels for the Firth, and to call for orders on her return as to revictualling. Arrival of ships.	131
„ „	„ „	Robt. Blackborne.	To the same effect. Capt. Heaton has gone to the Thames in the Hampshire, being still too weak to travel by land. Recommends Mr. Healey for employment, and Robt. Greene as gunner. Has still the captain and company of the Ostend shallop on board; is not a whit sorry at the dismissal of his steward and clerk of the check. Is sorry to hear of Mr. Creed's illness; hopes the nation and his friends will soon have the comfort of so fit a help.	132

Letters and Papers relating to the Navy, &c.—*cont.*

Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Oct. 29	Capt. Christ. Myngs, *Portsmouth.*	Adm. Com.	There has not been 1,000*s.* nor even 500*s.* paid to volunteers; as to bad management, there was not a man paid until the frigate was at Spithead. Only gave leave to 4 or 5 to go to London, of whose return he has no doubt. The influence of volunteers brings in others. Has not been hindered for want of men; as for impressing, has hitherto had no boats to carry him to and fro. Has 50 men ready to come from the Gainsborough and Advice, who will leave half their pay in hand until ready to sail, so as to remove any jealousy of non-compliance from fear of the frigate being lost. On the Commissioners' arrival, it will be found there was no such thing, nor any cause to blame the master. Desires order for paying the short allowance, as without some encouragement, it will be impossible to man without that disengaging course of turning over. The arrival of his provisions has been delayed by bad weather.	Vol. 116. 133
" "	Capt. Jas. Tarry, *Indian.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Could sail on Thursday if he knew where to procure men. Desires warrants for Mr. Gravenor, late of the Mathias, as chaplain, Mr. Street, his late clerk of the check, as lieutenant, and Jno. Stoakes as cook.	134
" "	Jno. Wyles - -	Col. Clarke.	As the Mermaid is ready to leave Woolwich Dock, asks a petty warrant for her, that he may follow his business.	135
" 30	Adm. Comrs. - -	Navy Comrs	Order to consider of a fit place in the yard at Deptford, for receiving ordnance taken out of ships that are brought there.	136
" "	" "	"	Order for a bill for the pay of Robt. Blake, as one of the generals of the fleet, up to the 30th inst.	137
" "	" "	"	" " " " of Rich. Badiley at 30*s.* a day as Vice-Admiral in Gen. Blake's fleet till the Andrew was paid off.	138
" "	" "	"	Order for a bill to Jno. Harwood for 913*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.*, according to a bill of exchange drawn, to be placed to the account of Capt. Crispin and the other Commissioners who drew it.	139
" "	" "	"	Order for survey and sale of a quantity of clothes returned from Gen. Penn's fleet, which were supplied by Vice-Adm. Goodson when in the West Indies, Gen. Penn also nominating some persons to join therein.	140
" "	" "	"	Order to charge the boatswains of the Langport and Centurion with anchors, cables, &c., supplied by Capt. Thos. Bowrey of the Warwick.	141
" "	Capt. Joseph Cubitt, *Dartmouth.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Thanks for the offer of the western station; cannot accept it, yet is so desirous of the fleet's prosperity, that if anything presents itself at Dartmouth which may contribute thereto, will communicate it.	142
" "	Humphrey Dennes, *Dover.*	[Adm. Com.]	Being in a house at Dover, overheard the clerk of the check say to the steward of the Centurion, "I wonder that you, having given security, leave so much provision ashore, not knowing what necessity we may be driven to in so long a voyage." The steward making light of it, the clerk said he must give an account of it when opportunity presents.	143

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Oct. 30	Lieut. Wm. Dale -	Col. Kelsey.	Begs employment, having served as lieutenant in the Bear, in the expedition to the West Indies -	Vol. 116. 144
" "	Thos. White, *Dover*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has fitted and victualled the Cornelian for 2 months, and she is ready for sea; but being old, she has been very much pieced and patched.	145
" "	Edm. Wilmott -	Adm. Com.	Petition for renewal of his commission as boatswain of the Heartsease under Gen. Penn. With note by Geo. Kendall that he has passed his accounts for the stores.	146, 148
" "	Lawrence Wise, *Chatham.*	Col. Kelsey.	Is importuned by Brother Wood, a member of their church, to recommond Robt. Rose, steward of the Victory, for the purser's place there. Sends a certificate by Capt. Pett in his favour.	149
" "	Capt. Taylor, *Chatham.*	—	Estimate of the charge for repairing and fitting 22 ships mentioned, total 8,140*l.*, with the employment of 304 men; asks order as to proceeding with the work.	150
" "	Jno. Green, *Deptford.*	Robt. Blackborne.	Has received orders to fit out the Ruby, and entered 15 men upon her; asks whether Capt. Curtis' commission to command her will be renewed for the next voyage. The purser should be hastened down to victual her men, who are getting discontented; also gunners for the Hope, Plover, and Old Warwick.	151
" 31	" "	Navy Com^{rs}	Has entered several men on the Ruby, Maidstone, and Providence, fitting out for sea, 15 being on the Ruby. As the men are discontented for want of victuals, and he has no one he can trust with petty warrants, wants a purser appointed, and orders as to victualling those of the Satisfaction. Has enquired why the muster books in rigging time were not brought to the pay table, seeing he is required to send up two of each ship, setting off the absences of each man, so that they might be defalked out of their wages, which is beneficial in various ways, but hears they are lost. The men care little for their victuals, so that they have their wages, and although daily musters are troublesome, they are yet profitable; asks orders, that the labour may not be so slighted. Although the Old President was sold long since, the boatswain and his servant are still borne upon her at the State's pay.	152
" "	Edw. Hopkins, *Navy Office.*	Adm. Com.	Mr. Kendall, clerk of the survey at Deptford, when making a survey of the remains of carpenter's stores on board the Plymouth, found 6 barrels of powder in the carpenter's storeroom, covered over with deals and canvas; the gunner having already delivered up his remains, including 108 barrels of powder, have examined Jno. Butt, carpenter, Wm. Paine, gunner, and Hugh Hogrose, yeoman, respecting them, and although they plead ignorance, believes they were all more or less guilty.	153
" "	Dan. Johnson, Collector of Customs, *Poole.*	"	Desires the Portsmouth frigate or Hopewell pink at Portsmouth may convoy some ships richly laden with drapery goods from Poole and Weymouth to St. Malo; the merchants solicited it from fear of Ostenders and Dunkirkers on the coast.	154

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Date.	From	To	Subject.	References.
1655. Oct. 31	Thos. Shewell, *Bristol.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Recommends Jasper Crauch for employment; he had the command of two ships as master, and has gone to London with his son and servant to voluntarily enter themselves.	Vol. 116. 155
,, ,,	Capt. Robert Wilkinson, *the Weymouth, Yarmouth Roads.*	Adm.Com^{rs}	Is waiting for the fishers' coming. The West Country fishers went home the 22nd, and the Yarmouth will end their fishing next week. His ship is very leaky; with certificate of Jno. Hopper the carpenter to that effect, and that, as the pumps are choked with ballast, she is not fit to remain at sea.	156, 157
,, ,,	Capt. Fras. Willoughby, *Portsmouth.*	Navy Com^{rs}	Has arrived and received their packet and orders, which he will execute. Gen. Blake's ships came into harbour yesterday.	158
,, ,,	,, ,,	Adm. Com.	Repair of ships; has received their orders, and will send an account	159
,, ,,	E. Hayward	—	Account of a survey made 30 and 31 Oct. of the remains of carpenters' and boatswains' stores on board the George, Andrew, and Unicorn.	160
,, ,,	Ge. Kendal	—	Account of carpenters' stores on board the Gillyflower and 10 other ships named at Woolwich, and Deptford, being Gen. Penn's squadron returned from the Straits.	161
Oct.	Jas. Wormell	[Navy Com^{rs}.]	Begs them, in pity to the ruined condition of himself and wife, to move the Commissioners, some of whom are nearly related to him, to give him employment, that they may have the means of subsistence.	162
,,	Robt. Woodward	Adm. Com.	Petition for the place of purser in the Swiftsure, of which he has been steward since she was rebuilt. With certificate of Capt. Jonas Poole, commander.	163, 164

WARRANTS of the PROTECTOR AND COUNCIL.

Date.	To	Subject.	References.		
1655.			I. 75.	I. 113.	I. 112.
Jan. 1	Nich. Bond -	To be steward to provide all needful for the entertainment of the ambassador from Genoa.	635	72	78
„ 2	License - -	For Commissioner Lisle to export 3 horses from Rye to France - -	636	72	78
„ 8	Keeper of the Gatehouse.	To receive Hen. Thomas, committed on suspicion of high treason -	—	73	79
„ „	Governor of Windsor Castle.	To allow Chris. Feake the liberty of the castle, provided that he make no disturbance, and that prejudice to the garrison be not hazarded by the number of persons admitted to him.	637	74	79
„ „	Col. Barkstead, Lieutenant of the Tower.	To receive Rowland Thomas, committed for high treason - - -	—	74	79
„ 10	„ - -	„ Edw. Vernon, „ „ - - -	—	73	79
„ 11	Pass - -	For Hugh Cartwright to Flanders, at request of Com.-Gen. Whalley - -	641	75	80
„ „	Capt. Geo. Bradshaw, of the Betty privateer, Falmouth.	To repair to Council, to answer for plundering the Hope of Delfthaven -	—	—	80
„ „	Capt. Geo. Wills, of the Handmaid privateer, Fowey.	„ „ „ 3 Dutch ships of Horne, Enchuisen, and Delfthaven.	—	- -	81
„ „	Mayor and keeper of the prison, Plymouth.	To release Nich. Martin, a Holsteiner, taken by the Constant Warwick in a Brest man-of-war, and now prisoner at Plymouth, at desire of the resident of the King of Denmark.	641	76	81
„ 16	Keeper of the Gatehouse.	To receive Chas. Littleton, committed for high misdemeanours against the Protector and Commonwealth.	—	75	81
„ 22	License - -	For Sir John Poole to transport 3 geldings from Rye to France - -	641	76	82
„ „	Pass - -	„ „ and 1 servant beyond seas - - - -	641	76	82
„ 25	Serjeant Dendy -	To receive the 2 persons apprehended for counterfeiting a bill of exchange from Ireland, and now in custody of the guard attending Guildhall Treasury, and to attend the Treasury Commissioners with them this afternoon.		78	23
„ „	Prize Goods Officers.	To deliver to Nath. Manton 30 bags of galls taken last July by a State ship from the St. Francis of Marseilles, or their full value if sold.	655	78	83

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Date.	To	Subject.	References.		
1655.			I. 75.	I. 113.	I. 112.
Jan. 29	License	For John Embree, surveyor of works, or his workmen, to come into any place necessary for cleansing drains and digging up or repairing pipes conveying water to Whitehall.	—	79	83
" "	Pass	For Capt. Gilbert Cook and 1 servant to Holland	—	80	84
" 31	"	For Count de Barr, relating to Archduke Leopold, Governor of Flanders, and his servants and baggage, from Dover or any other port to Flanders.	660	80	84
Feb. 5	License	For Wm. Johnson, of Newcastle, to export 27 iron guns, bought by him of the Commissioners for Prize Goods.	—	81	85
" 14	Pass	For Jehan Marssen and Jacob Janssen of Amsterdam, Petrus Marinus of Worcum, Adrian Jorissen of Enchuisen, and Jean Janssen and 2 others of Friesland, beyond sea, at request of Ambassador Nieuport.	679	81	85
" "	"	For Hen. Cole, merchant of London, and Mark Webb, his servant, to Flushing.	679	82	86
" "	"	For John Mead, Wm. Williams, and Jos. Touchen, merchants, beyond seas	679	83	86
" 15	"	For John de Gray, subject of the United Provinces, to the Low Countries	680	83	86
" "	"	For — Mainwaring, Peter Mainwaring, and their 2 servants to Ireland	681	83	87
" "	"	For Peter de Beauvoir of Guernsey, now at Weymouth, to Guernsey	680	83	87
" "	"	For the St. Louis of Dieppe, from Dieppe to Cape de Verd, and other French plantations and places of trade in Africa, and to return.	—	84	87
" "	"	For Edw. Smith to Ireland	681	—	88
" 16	"	For Col. Dan. Abbott, servants, and horses to Ireland	686	84	88
" "	"	For Col. Longe to Ireland	686	—	—
" "	"	For Arent Diruxsen Neisen, of the United Provinces, beyond sea, at request of Ambassador Nieuport.	686	85	88
" "	"	Lord Hannibal Cistet, Viceroy of Norway, to Flanders, on desire of Lord-Commissioner Whitelock.	686	85	88
" 19	"	For Jos. Bourne, on business of his master, Isaac Gould, to Hamburg	687	86	89
" 20	"	For Wm. Bodington and servant to the Levant	688	86	89
" 21	"	For Geo. Taverner and servant to Ireland	691	87	90
" "	"	For Gerrit Esginck and Jacob Treggen to France	691	87	90
" "	"	For Lambert Marten and 3 other Dutchmen to Holland	691	87	90
" "	"	For John Baker and his mother, Jannake Herring, John Sambrooke, Hen. Dolton, Wm. Haskeins, Rob. Armston, and Wm. Danitz to Holland; the last 3 passes granted at request of Ambassador Nieuport.	690	88	90

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			I. 75.	I. 113.	I. 112.
1655. Feb. 23	Pass	For Fras. Ayscough, lieutenant to Col. Cromwell, and Chas. Povey, ensign to Capt. Cave, to Holland.	—	88	91
,, ,,	,,	For Wilhem Jones of Shoonhoven, Holland, beyond sea	694	88	91
,, ,,	,,	For Jacob Geritsen and 3 other mariners of the States General beyond sea	694	89	91
,, ,,	License	For Anold Beake, merchant of London, to transport a guelding to France, paying custom.	693	89	91
,, ,,	,,	For the navy victuallers to export, custom free, victuals provided for the fleet, but unfit for its use, on report from the Admiralty Commissioners, of 29 Jan. 1654–5.	686, 695	89	91
,, 24	Pass	For Col. Zankey and servants to Ireland	—	90	92
,, 27	,,	For John Derrickson and 2 other mariners of the States General to Holland	697	90	92
,, ,,	,,	For Christiaen Priteman, servant of the secretary to the ambassadors of the United Provinces, to Holland.	697	—	92
,, ,,	Serjeant Dendy	To apprehend Thos. Porter, and bring him before Council for taking Lady Anne Blount out of the house of her father, the Earl of Newport.	—	90	92
,, ,,	Pass	For Geo. Sanderson, and servants to France, at request of Hen. Cromwell	697	—	93
,, ,,	,,	For Lewis Desmeniers, merchant of Dublin to Ireland	697	—	93
March 1	,,	For Alice Amyce to Holland	705	92	93, 94
,, ,,	,,	For John De Laet to Leyden	705	91	93
,, ,,	,,	For Rich. White and 5 others beyond sea, on request of the Dutch ambassador	704	91	93
,, ,,	,,	For Fred. Leenhoff to Holland	704	91	94
,, ,,	,,	For Evert Arrenssen and 2 other Dutchmen to Holland	704	91	94
,, ,,	,,	For Petrus Zacharias and Thos. Clerq to Holland, at request of the Dutch ambassador.	704	91	94
,, 2	,,	For Geerland Van Voorden to Holland } at request of the Dutch ambassador.	708	92	94
,, ,,	,,	For Art. Ashton, Mary his wife, and 4 children to Holland	708	92	95
,, ,,	,,	For Isaac Lucas to Amsterdam	708	92	95
,, ,,	Serjeant Dendy	To apprehend and bring before Council Lieut.-Col. Jones and Redruth Evans, charged with forging debentures.	—	—	95
,, 5	Pass	For Col. Nich. Kempson, servants, and 2 horses to Ireland	—	93	96
,, ,,	,,	For Johannes Baeck, Cornelia Van Ceulen, and Lissia Gerrits to Holland, at request of the Dutch ambassador.	710	93	96
,, ,,	,,	For Ant. de Bois and 3 other Dutchmen to Holland	—	93	96
,, ,,	,,	For Petrus Van Bergen to Holland	—	94	96
,, ,,	,,	For Benj. Clate and Mary his wife beyond seas	709	94	96
,, 6	,,	For Fras. Lambe to Holland, at request of the Dutch ambassador	713	94	97
,, ,,	,,	For Rich. Sneed to France	712	94	97

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			I. 75.	I. 112.
1655. March 8	Pass	For Jas. Thompson to Flanders. Signed by the Protector. [*Vol.* 95, *No.* 15*a.*]	—	—
,, 9	,,	For Frederick and Christophell Nisit and Lysabeth Nicolaes to Holland, at request of the Dutch ambassador.	715	97
,, ,,	,,	For Thos. Erasmus, Jan Pieters, and Maryn Van Haerlem to Holland, at request of the Dutch ambassador.	715	97
,, ,,	,,	For Harman Rysenbergh and Tistia his wife to France, at request of the Dutch ambassador	715	—
,, ,,	,,	For William and Giles Fettiplace and servant to Holland	714	98
,, ,,	,,	For Francis Roe ,,	714	98
,, ,,	,,	For Francis Watts and Samuel his son, 10 years old, to Holland	—	98
,, 12	,,	For John Arthington, M.D., to Ireland	718	98
,, ,,	,,	For Geo. Barne, Dorothy his wife, and maid, to Holland	718	99
,, ,,	,,	For David Conyard, Elianor his wife, 2 small children, Jane Edwards, 2 maids, Denis Conyard, and Wm. Hart, to France, and to return.	720	99
,, ,,	,,	For Abr. Ratte and Peter Barr to France	720	99
,, ,,	,,	For Peter Barr to France, and to return	—	99
,, ,,	,,	For Chas. Calverley to Holland	720	100
,, ,,	,,	For Pieter Scott ,,	720	100
,, ,,	,,	For Gerrit Van Reemen and Coenraet Coets to Holland } all at request of the Dutch ambassador.	720	100
,, ,,	,,	For Sam. Hinderssen and 2 other Dutchmen ,,	720	100
,, ,,	,,	For Peter Van Meer and Henrick Solomons ,,	720	101
,, ,,	,,	For Lieut.-Col. Jas. Napper to France	718	101
,, ,,	,,	For John D'Artois to France	722	102
,, 13	,,	For Col. Jas. Lawis, with horses, servant, and arms, to his house in co. Cardigan	723	102
,, 14	,,	For Nich. Courtney, of the Inner Temple, London, with horse and sword, to Cornwall, and to return, at request of Hugh Peters.	725	102
,, 15	,,	For Jas. de la Mote, a Frenchman, to Holland	728	103
,, 16	,,	For John Haselboren to Holland, at request of the Dutch ambassador	728	103
,, ,,	,,	For Fras. Lee, Chas. Parrott, his tutor, and boy, to France, at request of Hugh Peters	728	103
,, 23	License	For Capt. Hen. Hatsell to export to Jersey 200 todds of worsted, of the proportion of wool allowed to be transported there for this year for the manufactures of the island.	700, 733	105
,, 26	Pass	For John Pickersgill, of London, to Calais, to recover a debt	742	104
,, ,,	,,	For David Doublet to Dieppe, he having lately come from France to Rye, and given security to attend Council, but was dismissed by the President; moved by Peter Barr.	742	105
,, ,,	,,	For John Everssen and John Lieven to Holland	741	105
,, ,,	,,	For Col. Chas. White, Deborah his wife, Sarah their daughter, a maid, and 2 men servants, beyond sea, on their repair to Moscow, on his petition, he giving security in 500*l.* not to act against the State.	741	106

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1655. March 26	License	For M. de la Bastile, secretary to M. de Bordeaux, to transport 2 horses for his own use from Dover to France, custom free.	I. 75. 742	I. 112. 106
,, ,,	Pass	For Jacob Meyer to France	741	106
,, ,,	,,	For John Bercher, John Horseman, John Williams, and John Richard, to Holland	741	107
,, ,,	,,	For Joris Leeckes, and 3 other Dutchmen, to Holland	741	107
,, ,,	,,	For the Sea Fortune of Schiedam, seized in her way from the Caribbee Islands, and detained at Plymouth, to proceed on her voyage to Holland.	742	107
,, ,,	,,	For Peter Middledorp to Hamburg	741, 758	107
,, ,,	,,	For Ant. Farrington, merchant of London, his son and servant, to Ireland	742	108, 110
,, ,,	,,	For Dan. Westby and Thos. Barber, gentlemen, with 2 servants, to the Spa, returning in 6 months.	741	108
,, ,,	,,	For Dominic Wade of Norton Folgate, to Amsterdam and back, on private business; recommended by Skippon, on his petition.	742	—
,, ,,	,,	For Nich. Power, to Ireland, recommended by Wm. Halsey	742	—
,, 28	,,	For Edw. Benfield and 5 men and horses, to Hartland, co. Devon, on desire of Lady Ranelagh.	750	—
,, ,,	,,	For Mich. Dunckon, his wife, daughter, and her 4 children and maid, all of the Hague, to Holland.	758	108
,, 29	,,	For the Employment, with a lading of cloth, from Hull to Hamburg, the late embargo notwithstanding.	—	109
,, ,,	,,	For the Henry and John, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,	—	109
,, ,,	License	For M. Barrière, agent from the Prince of Condé, to take up for his own use 8 tuns of French wine, custom free.	755	110 (2)
,, 30	Governor of Portland Castle.	To convey Col. Thos. Harrison to Carisbrook Castle	757	—
,, ,,	Governor of Carisbrook Castle.	To receive ,, ,,	757	—
,, ,,	Serj. Dendy	To convey John Rogers to the charge of the Governor of Windsor Castle	756	109
,, ,,	Governor of Windsor Castle.	To receive ,, and keep him prisoner till further orders	756	110
,, ,,	Pass	For John Gun, Ant. Cambdyn, with 2 sons and 3 daughters, Rich. Bradley, Dan. Meriot, Moses Weddon, Hum. Lynes, wife and 3 daughters, and Thos. Grace, with tools, clothes, and household goods to Ireland, on request of Col. Wm. Underwood.	758	111
,, ,,	,,	For the wife of Thos. Dauncier, one of the auditors for accounts in Ireland, to Ireland, on request of Col. Underwood.	758	111
,, ,,	,,	For the Thomas and Lucy, from Bristol to the Straits, the late embargo notwithstanding, on petition of Step. Travis and 2 other merchants.	757	111

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1655.			I. 75.	I. 112.
March 30	Pass	For Fras. Pernett and wife, to France, on certificate from the Portugal agent	759	112
„ „	„	For Rich. Wilcox and Joane his wife, of Middleburg, to Zealand, on their petition and certificate from Fras. Royse.	758	112
„ „	„	For John Coward and Grace his wife, of Middleburg, to Zealand, on their petition and certificate from Capt. John Hunt, in Col. Ingoldsby's regiment.	758	112
„ „	„	For Thos. Capp and Elizabeth his wife, Francis or Benjamin their son, and Kath. Debbin, to Ireland.	759	112
„ „	„	For Edw. Slingeant to Holland	758	112
„ „	„	For Ezekias Lorphelin, merchant of London, to France and to return, on request of Mr. Rosin.	758	113
„ „	„	For the Edward, from London to Greenland, the late embargo notwithstanding, on petition of Wm. Bassett.	757	113
„ „	„	For the Primrose, from London to Greenland, the late embargo notwithstanding	757	113
„ „	„	For Alonso de Fonseca, servant to Antonio Fernandes Caravajal, merchant of London, to Flanders.	758	113
„ „	„	For Rich. Talbot and 2 servants to Holland	760	113
„ „	„	For Hen. Howard, son of the Earl of Berkshire, and Thos. Greene his servant, to France, on request of Lord Broghill.	760	114
„ „	„	For Joachim Vroom to Holland and to return	758	114
„ „	„	For Broer Pieterssen, Lambert Gerritsen, and Thos. Jacobsen to Holland	758	114
„ „	„	For Geerat Pauro to Holland	758	114
„ „	Thos. Simons	To engrave a Great Seal for Ireland, according to the draft offered by him to Council	760	115
„ „	Pass	For Claes Abrahamsen for Holland	758	—
„ „	„	For Isaac Van Nutte and Isaac Seagh for Holland	758	—
„ „	„	For Edw. Dunckome and Solomon Oudart for Holland	758	—
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April 2	„	For Johan Brunings, merchant of Haarlem, and Abr. Verbeeck, his cousin, to travel in the north parts of England.	—	114
„ 3	„	For Johanna Tutell, and her daughter Hannah, to Ireland	1	115
„ „	„	For Barth. Swann, and 6 other falconers of Brabant, to Flushing	1	115
„ „	„	For Eliz. Harvey, Susan and Edw. Orth, and Edw. Wood, to Holland	—	116
„ „	„	For Mat. Bullard to Hamburg	6	116
„ „	„	For Jacob Van Betlen to France	6	117
„ „	„	For Hendrich Loenins to Holland	6	117
„ „	„	For Huybert Jacobsen „	6	117

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1655.			I. 76.	I. 112.
April 4	Pass	For Sarah Roberts, and Jane and Edw. Bolton, lately landed at Aldborough, to Holland	8	116
" "	"	For Fras. Adrianesen, Cuglemans Cornelius, Diricksen Brouwer and daughter, to Holland	6	116
" "	"	For John Willemssen, and 3 other Dutchmen, to Holland	6	116
" "	"	For Derick Van Ray, Guilliam Sugger and his wife, to Holland	6	117
" "	"	For Jacob Van Doren, and 8 other Dutchmen, to Holland	6	117
" "	"	For Capt. John Manley and servant to Holland	8	118
" "	"	For Jos. de Batze to Holland	8	—
" "	"	For Moses Laramore to Ireland	9	118
" "	"	For Walter Athy to Ireland	9	118
" "	"	For Hen. Hilders to France	9	118
" "	"	For Wm. Webster and Elias Roberts, merchants, to Ireland	9	119
" "	"	For Abr. Boone, surveyor, And. Leake, and Thos. Potts, servants to the adventurers for Middleworth barony, Ireland, to Ireland.	9	119
" "	"	For Eustace Crook and his servant to Ireland	8	119
" "	"	For Abr. de Witts to Holland	8	119
" "	"	For Wm. Persons, member of the Church at the Hague, to Holland	8	—
" 5	Keeper of Exeter high gaol.	To discharge Jas. Carey, on his engaging before the mayor not to act against the present Government	10	120
" "	Pass	For Lord Stafford, John Bird, and Victoria Cantini, his servant, to Holland	11	120
" "	License	For Wm. Maddison to ship at London, 6 drums, 4 partisans, 20 halberts, 4 ensigns, 10 barrels of powder, 1,000 weight of match, and 150 bandoliers, for the State's service in Newcastle-on-Tyne.	11	120
" 6	Pass	For Dorothy Laramore, lately come from New England, to go to her husband in Ireland	15	121
" "	"	For Ralph Montague, second son of Lord Montague, of Boughton, and servant beyond seas	13	121
" "	"	For Sir Rob. Drury, Diana Drury his sister, Sam. Jones, their guardian, Mary his wife, and 3 servants, beyond sea.	12	121
" "	"	For M. de ———, moved by Lord Lambert	13	—
" "	"	For John Simpson and 2 children to Ireland, on his petition and recommendation of Nich. Bond.	14	—
" 10	"	For Capt. John Hirst to Holland	18	123
" 11	"	For John Devenish, wife, and 3 children to Ireland	22	123
" "	"	For Edm. Shee, gentleman, and 1 servant, to Ireland, whence he lately came on the Lord-Deputy's pass.	22	123
" "	"	For Elizabeth, wife of Jerome Greene, to Ireland	22	124
" "	"	For Rob. Myagh, gentleman of Kinsale, to Ireland, he having lately come thence with Col. Player's pass.	23	124

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1655.			I. 76.	I. 112.
April 11	Pass	For Geo. Baldwin, Wm. Brudenell, and 1 servant to Ireland, on their petition	22	124
„ „	„	For John Gill to Holland, at request of Capt. Adam Baynes	22	124
„ 12	„	For John Andrews to Holland	18	122
„ „	„	For John Broom „	18	123
„ „	„	For Hen. Du Menit, kinsman of Sir Theodore Mayerne, to France, at request of Lady Mayerne and Dr. Colladon.	18	125
„ „	„	For Jas. Cooke to Holland	22	125
„ „	„	For Jas. Cock „	22	125
„ „	„	For Maria Lyckhont, Catharina Van Senu, and Eliz. Prymes to Holland	22	125
„ „	„	For Hen. Edmunds and servant for Ireland, at request of Hen. Robinson	22	125
„ „	„	For John Williamssen, Hendrick Marke, and Margaret, his wife, and Maritger Williams to Holland.	22	126
„ „	„	For Anna Barent and her daughter Anna Caseby to Holland	22	126
„ „	„	For Jacob Rietvolt and Jan de Goone to Holland	22	126
„ „	„	For Juriaen Hendrickssen and 3 other Dutchmen to Holland	22	127
„ „	„	For Abr. Joosten to Holland	22	127
„ 13	„	For M. de Fault and servant beyond sea and to return	—	127
„ „	„	For Isaac Van Kipshaven and 2 other Dutchmen to Holland	—	127
„ „	„	For Jan Matyssen Sommer and Jan Corvers, wife and child, to Holland	—	128
„ „	„	For John Helmes and Edm. Blake, merchants, beyond seas	24	128
„ 17	License	For Col. Wm. Anselm to export from Dover, custom free, 6 horses for the Marquis de Fiasco, late ambassador from Genoa.	29	129
„ „	Pass	For Lord Teynham and servants from London to Wales and back	29	130
„ 18	„	For Hugh May to France, at request of Viscount Lisle	34	129
„ „	„	For John Stone to France, on his petition	35	129
„ „	„	For Chris. Englekawser and Max. Ferdinando de Derring, Germans, with a servant each to France, at request of M. Coyet, envoy from Sweden, whom they accompanied into England to see the country.	34	129
„ „	„	For Lord Strangford, his lady, 6 men, and 4 maids to France	34	131
„ „	License	„ „ to export from Dover 6 horses, the late order of Council restraining such licenses for 6 months notwithstanding.	34	131
„ 20	Pass	For Phil. Opdenbeck to Holland	40	130
„ „	„	For Goosen Joukes „	40	130
„ „	„	For Otto Van Penen „	40	130, 132
„ „	„	For John Forck „	40	130
„ „	„	For Abr. Verbeeck „	40	130

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			I. 76.	I. 112.
1655. April 20	Pass	For John Sass, merchant of London, Martha his wife, and a man and maid to Holland	40	130
„ „	„	For Lucas Harmansz and Jacobus Lucas to Holland	40	130
„ „	„	For Pieter Van Aker, Jacobus Bryart, and Sam. de Vervager, with his wife, Mary Ferrean to Holland.	40	130
„ „	„	For Lord Sandys and his servants to France, moved by Sir Chas. Wolsley	39	—
„ 24	„	For Dominick Wade to Holland	44	131
„ „	„	For Anneken Hees and her 2 children to Holland	44	131
„ „	„	For Walter Erwin, with 15 couples of hounds, from Rye to Dieppe	44	132
„ „	„	For Mich. Pluyn, with his son Bartholomew Van Denstein, to Holland	44	132
„ „	„	For Jacob Dorta to France	44	132
„ „	„	For Pieter Croon and John Van Nottelen to Holland	44	133
„ „	„	For Cales Stevenssen and 11 other Dutchmen to Holland	44	133
„ „	„	For Thos. Edow, gentleman, with horse and servant, to Ireland, on certificate from Wrexham from John Peck and Thos. Ball.	44	133
„ „	„	For Geo. Goold, merchant of Cork, to Ireland	44	133
„ „	„	For Abr. Watson, beyond seas, at request of Col. Sam. Jones	44	134
„ „	„	For Tobias Henning of Stockholm, to France, at request of M. Coyet, envoy from Sweden	44	134
„ „	„	For Geo. Cockborne and servant beyond seas, on a pass from Gen. Monk, of 23 Feb. 1654–5.	44	134
„ 27	„	For Eliz. Butendick and Beatrice, her daughter, to Holland, on certificate from Mr. Kenrick and others.	49	134
„ „	„	For Mathias Shirley to Holland, on certificate from Mr. Bale and others	49	135
„ „	„	For Abr. de Mercado, M.D. Hebrew, with David Raphael de Mercado, his son, to the Barbadoes, where he has an order from his Highness to exercise his profession.	49	135
„ „	„	For Wm. Cooke, Prudence his wife, and child, to Ireland	50	135
„ „	„	For Pieter Hendricxen and Jacobus Van Raye to Holland, at request of the Dutch ambassador.	49	135
„ „	„	For Fras. Albert Gobeli of Bavaria to Holland, on desire of the minister of the French church	49	136
„ „	„	For Thos. Curtoyse, merchant, with 3 children and servant, to Flanders, on desire of Sir Peter Killigrew.	49	136, 142
„ „	„	For Anne Powell to Holland, at request of Fras. Webb	49	136
„ „	„	For Peter Bonamy and Rob. Masters to Holland, on their petitions	49	136
„ „	„	For Capt. Simon Killigrew and one servant to Holland, at request of Sir Peter Killigrew	49	136
„ „	„	For Wm. Dormer, Anna Maria his wife, 3 men and 2 maids, beyond seas; passed 25 April at his Highness's lodgings.	50	137
„ „	„	For Thos. Lawrence to France, on certificate of the clerk of the passage at Rye that he lately came thence.	50	137

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1655. April	27	Pass	For Wm. Ross and servant to France, at request of Mr. Scutt	I. 76.	I. 112.
"	"	"	For Thos. Preston, ensign to Capt. Sanderson, in service of the States General, to Holland	50	137
"	"	"	For Peter Zimerman to Germany, on request of the minister of the French church	48	138
"	30	"	For Clement Marini, an Italian, with wife, sister, child, and servant, to France	49	142
"	"	"	For Bart. Rice, merchant, to France, having a pass from Rob. Phaire, Governor of Cork	59	140
"	"	"	For Lawrence White, merchant, Holland " " "	59	140
"	"	"	For M. Chas. de Beauvas, of Guernsey, Minister of Witham, Suffolk, and servant to Guernsey	59	140
May	1	"	For Sarah Stevens and Hanna Hamerden to Holland, on desire of 2 of his Highness' guard	59	141
"	4	Nich. Bond	To provide officers and necessaries for entertainment of the ambassador extraordinary of the King of Spain.	59	137
"	"	Pass	For Mich. de Hase Empson and servant to Flanders	—	138
"	"	"	For Thos. Allyn, of Gonville and Caius, and Isaac Barrow, of Trinity College, Cambridge, to France.	59	—
"	"	"	For John, son of Thos. Harrington, to France	59	139
"	"	"	For Mary and Marg. Smith, with a man and maid, to France	59	139
"	"	"	For Wouter Bacherus, and 2 other Dutchmen, to Holland	59	139
"	"	"	For John Dudan to France	59	140
"	"	"	For Chris. Malliet to Holland	59	141
"	"	"	For Rob. Robinson, with wife, daughter, and servant, to France	59	141
"	"	"	For Edw. Picks, of Kent, and servant to Holland	59	141
"	"	"	For Kath. Tavernor and 2 children to Ireland	59	142
"	"	"	For Huybrocht de Cuyper to France, on desire of the agent for the King of Poland	59	142
"	"	"	For Mr. Derby to Ireland, at request of Mr. Strickland	61	143
"	"	"	For John Peterson, and Ambrose his son, and Michael Day, and Michael his son, to Holland.	59	—
"	5	"	For Susan Pinder to Ireland	59	—
"	9	"	For Jan Arienssen, and 10 other Dutchmen, to Holland	59	141
"	"	"	For Jacob de Craen and John Van Linde to France	—	143
"	"	"	For Andreas Muller and Georgius Van Spreackel to France	—	143
"	"	"	For Pieter Schagen to France	—	143
"	"	"	For Pieter Cooner to Holland	—	143
"	"	"	For Sybert Direxen, and 4 other Dutchmen, to Holland	—	143
"	"	"	For Johannes Hensius and Michael Hemebout to Holland	—	143
"	"	"	For Thos. Smith, of London, to Flushing	—	143
"	"	"	For Edw. Watkins, merchant of London, to France	—	144
"	"	"	For Rich. Eves to Holland	—	144

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1655.			I. 76.	I. 112.
May 5	Pass	For Col. Howard St. Leger and 3 servants to Ireland	—	144
„ „	„	For John St. John to France, on request of Gen. Desborow, to whose troop he belongs	61	144
„ „	„	For the Countess of Newport, with 5 maids and 3 men, beyond seas	62	145
„ „	„	For Wm. Fitchcock and Hen. Browne to Flanders	—	145
„ „	„	For John Billingsley, and John, Amias, and Tim. Doughty, and servant, to Sweden	—	145
„ „	„	For Nich. Hublyn, servant to M. de la Tour, to France	62	145
„ „	„	For Lewis Awbrey and 3 servants beyond seas	62	146
„ „	„	For Lady Drummond, John and Marg. Carill, Penelope and Jane Drummond, Mary Alcock, Luke Farrall, Anne Kemble, Marg. Hoper, and Rich. Tillcock, to the Spa.	—	146
„ 10	„	For Mary Smith and her son Richard to Holland	72	147
„ 11	„	For Benj. Weston and 2 servants to Flanders, on his petition	72	146
„ „	„	For John Turner and John his son to Holland, having a pass from the bailiffs of Ipswich	72	147
„ „	„	For John White and servant to Holland, on petition of John Billingsley, whom he is to follow to Sweden.	72	147
„ 15	„	For John Bridgman and servant „	—	147
„ 16	„	For Johannes Wallagh and his wife Helena, Paulus Rymers and his wife, Maria Sarbout, and 5 other Dutchmen to Holland.	76	148
„ „	„	For David Ipelaer to Holland	76	148
„ „	„	For Abr. Hoogen and Lyren Jacobs to Holland, at desire of the Dutch ambassador	77	148
„ „	„	For Wm. Rawlins to Holland	76	148
„ „	„	For Johan Cuysten to Holland	76	148
„ „	„	For John Cuiveilliers „	76	148
„ „	„	For Johannes Van Loon, and 4 other Dutchmen, to travel into several parts of the nation, with their swords.	76	148
„ „	„	For Jacob Van Eck to Holland	76	
„ „	„	For Sam. Ben Israel „	76	148
„ „	„	For the Lady of Sturvenisse, with her gentlewoman, two men, and a maid, to Zealand	76	148
„ „	„	For Ant. Corouls and Cornelis Ponwels to Holland, at desire of the Dutch ambassador	77	148
„ „	„	For Barth. Cox to Flanders	76	148
„ „	„	For John Sandye, merchant of London, and servant, to Holland	77	148
„ „	„	For Thomas, son of Mr. Bladen, merchant of Dublin, with wife, mother, child, and servant, and John Piper and wife to Ireland.	77	148
„ „	„	For Hen. Parrey, Dorothy his wife, and Grisell their daughter, to Ireland	76	149
„ „	„	For Thos. Lawrence, of London, with wife and child, to Ireland	76	149
„ „	„	For Archibald Douglas, John Stirling, and 3 servants, to Scotland, and to return	76	149
„ „	„	For John Hepburn, merchant, to Scotland	76	149

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1655.			I. 76.	I. 112.
May 16	Pass	For Henrique Jorge Mendez, merchant of London, to Flanders	76	150
,, ,,	,,	For Lucy and Dorothy Morgan, John Gavan, with man and maid, to the Spa	76	150
,, ,,	License	For Lord Nieuport to import custom free 5½ hds. of French wine sent from Zealand for his own use.	75	—
,, 18	Pass	For John Cofer and wife to Holland	83	150
,, ,,	,,	For John Mathews to the Spa	83	150
,, ,,	,,	For Thos. Cowdall to Holland	81	151
,, ,,	,,	For Wm. Wright, late soldier in the Lord Deputy of Ireland's own regiment of foot, to France.	83	151
,, ,,	,,	For Fras. Hipsley and servant to France, on desire of Sir Edw. Sydenham	83	151
,, ,,	,,	For Paulus Meslouck, and Gilbert Huygen to Holland } on desire of the Dutch ambassador	83	151
,, ,,	,,	For Edw. Collier to Holland } on desire of the Dutch ambassador	83	152
,, ,,	,,	For Martin Teunissen to Holland	83	152
,, ,,	,,	For Wulf Von Buchwold to France, on desire of the King of Denmark's agent	83	152
,, ,,	,,	For Hen. Gray beyond seas	83	152
,, ,,	,,	For John Baptista Dayma and servant to Holland	83	152
,, ,,	,,	For Lawrence Miller to Holland	83	152
,, 22	,,	For Ivan Stanton, 2 servants, and 31 couples of hounds, for the King of France	86	153
,, ,,	,,	For Arent Niesen to the Low Countries	86	153
,, ,,	,,	For Coenradus Coendz to Holland	86	153
,, ,,	,,	For David Van den Ende and Daniel Mitz to Holland	86	153
,, ,,	,,	For John Reymes to Holland	86	153
,, ,,	,,	For Wm. Renters ,,	86	153
,, ,,	,,	For Gerrit Bronckhorst ,,	86	153
,, ,,	,,	For Maria Verdelft ,,	86	153
,, ,,	,,	For Sigismond Wroth, and 4 other German gentlemen, to France, on desire of the Polish agent.	86	153
,, ,,	,,	For Walter Thomas and servant to France	86	154
,, ,,	,,	For Rob. Nugent to Ireland, on desire of Col. Cooke	86	154
,, ,,	,,	For Thos. Henshaw, and Edward and John Bradburne, with 3 servants, and Geo. Eales, on Strickland's request.	86	—
,, 23	,,	For Lord John Huyssen and servant to Holland, on desire of the Dutch ambassador	92	154
,, ,,	,,	For Eliz. Whitaker to Holland, on certificate from Rob. Garrett	92	154
,, ,,	,,	For Reynert Salomons to Holland } on desire of the Dutch ambassador	92	154
,, ,,	,,	For Alex. Colve ,, } on desire of the Dutch ambassador	92	154
,, ,,	,,	For Jacob Hendrickson, his wife Sarah, and 3 children, to Holland	92	154

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1655.			I. 76.	I. 112.
May 23	Pass	For Step. Nemechi to the Low Countries, on desire of the Dutch ambassador	92	155
,, 24	,,	For Wm. Savage to Holland, on certificate from the minister and inhabitants of Wandsworth.	96	155
,, ,,	,,	For Geo. Gould to Ireland, on certificate from Ald. Vincent and others	96	155
,, ,,	,,	For Eliz. Harr to Holland	96	156
,, ,,	,,	For Anna Minnit and Abr. Clarke to Holland	96	156
,, ,,	,,	For Coenrad Van Wildenbergh ,, on desire of the Dutch ambassador	96	156
,, ,,	,,	For Lewis Chichester, M.D., and servant to the Spa, on desire of Capt. Bushell	97	157
,, ,,	,,	For Nich. Bayly, and servant, to Ireland on desire of Serj. Dendy	96	165
,, ,,	,,	For Chas. Le Grosse and servant to France, on desire of Mrs. Thurloe	97	—
,, 25	,,	For John King to Holland on certificate of Moses Goodyear	101	156
,, ,,	,,	For John Smith beyond seas ,, John Hingston	101	156
,, ,,	,,	For Alard Gansenep Tennagel, Jan Mott, and servant, to Holland, on desire of the Dutch ambassador.	101	157
,, 29	,,	For Joane Chafe and her daughter Joane, to Dieppe	105	156
,, ,,	,,	For John Blith to the Low Countries, on desire of Gen. Desborow	105	157
,, ,,	,,	For Lambert Kip to Holland, on desire of the Dutch ambassador	105	157
,, ,,	,,	For Christian Nolde, of Denmark, beyond seas, on desire of the King of Denmark's agent	105	157
,, 30	Comrs. of Customs	To admit, without payment of custom, masts brought in the David of Hamburg, and consigned by Rich. Bradshaw for the use of the navy.	—	159
,, 31	Pass	For John Evans to France	116	158
,, ,,	,,	For Benj. White, M.A., beyond seas, on his petition	—	158
,, ,,	Comrs. of Customs.	To allow all goods shipped for Ireland on 2 vessels for Lord Hen. Cromwell to pass custom free.	—	159
,, ,,	,,	To allow the landing, custom free, of 20 chests of Florence wine sent as a present to his Highness from the Duke of Tuscany.	110	—
June 1	Pass	For Capt. John Pearce, mariner, and Ben. White, M.A., student, to Holland, on White's petition.	116	160
,, ,,	,,	For Jas. Levingston and Mary his wife, to Scotland	115	160
,, ,,	,,	For Geo. Maghie to Scotland	115	160
,, ,,	,,	For Nath. Marks, John Frost, his wife, and 2 servants, to Ireland	116	161
,, ,,	,,	For Reynier Pauw to Holland, on desire of the Dutch ambassador	116	161
,, ,,	,,	For Priscilla Honeywood, with maid and servant, to Holland	116	—
,, 5	,,	For Alex. Written to Holland	120	160
,, ,,	,,	For Pieter Van Beyerlant to Holland	120	160
,, ,,	,,	For Lawrence Laurenssen and 3 other Dutchmen to Holland	120	160

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1655.			I. 76.	I. 112.
June 5	Pass	For Capt. Hen. Meales and servant to Holland, he being in service of the States General	120	161
„ „	„	For Joas Ent to Holland	120	—
„ 7	„	For Lord Fras. Paulet, son to the Marquis of Winchester, John Thimbleby, and Edw. Beaumont, their tutor, to France, on Mr. Ong's letter, and Mr. Witcherley's desire.	125	161
„ „	„	For Cissell Tufton, Esq., and servant, to the Spa, on desire of Mr. Banks	125	162
„ „	„	For Firm-in-Faith Knights, Marg. Hewerton, and their 2 children, to Holland	125	162
„ „	„	For Thos. Cliffe, and Margaret, his wife, to Holland, on desire of Major Redman	125	162
„ „	„	For Fritz Schros to Holland, on desire of Capt. John Knight	125	162
„ „	„	For Abr. Tyssen and 2 other Dutchmen to Holland	125	162
„ „	„	For Edm. Palmer to Holland	125	162
„ „	„	For Bonwen Bonwenssen to Holland	125	162
„ „	„	For Thos. Smith, John Parr, Fras. Johnson, Rachel Young, and Jas. Thompson, to Holland.	125	162
„ „	„	For Wm. Abell to Holland	125	163
„ „	„	For John Harvey and Eliz. Oldham to Holland	125	163
„ „	„	For Jacob Cops to Holland	125	163
„ „	„	For Franchoys Van Clief to Holland	125	163
„ „	„	For Eliz. Pierson and Kath. Emerson to the Spa	125	164
„ „	License	For Lord Bordeaux, ambassador from France, to export 6 horses from Dover, custom free, for Cardinal Mazarin, it being moved by Mr. Secretary, who intimated his Highness's approval.	122	164
„ 8	„	For Mr. Benson, his Highness's officer, to take up, for use in the household, 20 tuns of Spanish and 15 of French wine for his household, custom free.	125	163, 168
„ „	Pass	For Wm. Stafford, of Bladerwick, co. Northampton, and 2 servants, to the Spa	127	168
„ 9	Col. John Barkstead.	To receive into the Tower Lord Newport, And. Newport, his brother, Francis, Lord Willoughby of Parham, Jeffrey Palmer, and Hen. Seymour, apprehended on suspicion of plotting to stir up forces against Government, and keep them in safe custody till delivered in course of law.	—	164
„ „	Serj. Dendy	To receive and keep in safe custody Sir Fred. Cornwallis, Edw. Progers, Thos. Panton, and Major-Gen. Ayres [*Vol.* 93, *No.* 26*a.*]	—	164
„ 12	Pass	For Symon Subrantsen and 2 others to Holland	132	—
„ „	„	For Ab. Wymers to Holland	132	—
„ „	„	For John Witington and 2 maids to Flanders	133	—
„ „	„	For Rob. Brudnell, and 2 men, to Holland, on desire of Mr. Martin, one of his Highness's gentlemen.	132	165
„ „	„	For Wm. Man to Holland, at request of his brother Edward, servant to Sir Wm. Constable	133	165

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1655.			I. 76.	I. 112.
June 12	Pass	For Adrien Van Linden and Geo. Bomgaert to Dantzic	132	166
,, ,,	,,	For Clent Pieterssen and 7 other Dutchmen to Holland	132	166
,, ,,	,,	For Hermanus and Bernardus Bronswinckel ,,	132	166
,, ,,	,,	For Jan Roysteyn and 3 other Dutchmen ,,	132	166
,, ,,	,,	For Cornelia Segers to Zealand	132	166
,, ,,	,,	For Catharina De Ryck, her daughter Elizabeth, Sarah Van Nieren, and their servant, to Zealand.	132	166
,, ,,	,,	For Nich. Opmeer to France	132	166
,, ,,	,,	For Sir Geo. Wentworth and 3 servants to Ireland	133	166
,, ,,	,,	For Rosier Petit beyond seas	132	167
,, ,,	,,	For John Caryll, Katherine his wife, 2 men and 2 maids, to Flanders	133	167
,, ,,	,,	For St. Lewis of Dieppe to Cape de Verd and other French plantations, and places of trade in Africa, returning in 6 months; renewal of one granted for 4 months 15 Feb. last. [*Vol.* 93, *No.* 29*a.*]	132	167
,, 13	,,	For Hendrick Goosen and 2 other Dutchmen to Holland	134	168
,, ,,	,,	For Jos. Atkinson to Hamburg, at desire of Jas. Davy, merchant	135	168
,, 15	,,	For Thos. Merry and Ralph Skipwith to France	144	181
,, 20	License	For Dr. Brune Ryves to import custom free 1000 reams of paper more for printing the Bible in the Oriental tongues, &c., beside the 7,000 ordered before.	129, 143	169
,, ,,	Pass	For Isaac Thorpe, with wife, child, and servant to France	142	—
,, ,,	License	,, ,, to transport 2 horses to France	142	—
,, 21	Serj. Dendy	To deliver Thos. Panton, committed by warrant of Council of 9 June, to Lieut.-Col. Chas. Worsley.	—	173
,, ,,	Lieut.-Col. Worsley.	To receive Thos. Panton and keep him safely	—	173
,, 22	Pass	For Thos. King to Holland	144	169
,, ,,	,,	For Thomas, Earl of Down, with 3 servants, to the Spa to restore his health, on his petition and certificate of his physicians.	144	169
,, ,,	,,	For Dan. Burston, clerk, to Ireland	144	170
,, ,,	,,	For John Hutton to Dunkirk	144	170
,, ,,	,,	For Ralph and Isaiah Gibbs to Holland	144	170
,, ,,	,,	For Mich. Tragovista, a Grecian, to Portugal	144	170
,, ,,	,,	For John Godscall and John Stoaker to France, on desire of Mr. Morgan, one of Lord Richards' gentlemen.	144	170
,, ,,	,,	Dirick Grandamage and his wife Maria to Holland	144	171
,, ,,	,,	For Ant. La Faille to Holland	144	171

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1655. June 22	Pass	For Jacob Cornelisen Kent to Holland	I. 76.	I. 112.
” ”	”	For François Bischop and Jan Asler to Holland	—	171
” ”	”	For Nich. Terhaer to Holland	144	171
” ”	”	For Barent Janssen and Edw. Libb to Holland	144	171
” ”	”	For Maryen Jans and 7 children ”	144	171
” ”	”	For John Koirdsit to Holland	—	171
” ”	”	For Nath. Johnson, merchant of London, to the Low Countries, on desire of Capt. Bushell.	144	171
” ”	”	For Mrs. Earle and maid to Germany	144	172
” ”	”	For Edm. Shee to Ireland	144	172
” ”	”	For Thos. Barley and Hen. Butler to Holland	144	174
” ”	”	For Robert and Geo. Boothby and John Russell, of Chingford, Essex, to France	144	—
” ”	License	For M. Bye, public minister for the King of Poland, to transport 6 horses to Holland, for his own use, custom free, at request of Sec. Thurloe.	144	—
” 27	John Hobson	To attend Council in 3 weeks on a complaint of Rob. Massey and others, and not to depart without license.	147	175
” ”	License	For Gilb. Bartholomew to export 2 horses from Gravesend	147	173
” ”	Pass	For Lewis de Lambermont, with servant and boy, beyond seas	151	173
” ”	License	” ” ” to transport 2 horses from Rye	151	173
” ”	Pass	For Thos. Hooke to France	147	175
” 28	”	For Jno. Christian, a Greek, to Armenia	152	172
” ”	”	For Wm. Schuyshell to Holland	152	172
” ”	”	For Thos. Hawkes and Thos. Catcher to France	151	172
” ”	”	For Jos. de Balsa and Cairay de Levalle to Flanders	153	174
” ”	”	For And. Sulyard and John Petre to Holland	153	174
” ”	”	For Sam. Hermanssen to Holland	153	174
” ”	”	For Leender Tyssen to Holland	153	174
” ”	”	For Mich. de Bryan, a Persian, or physician, to Holland, on desire of Mr. Strickland	152	175
” 29	”	For Edm. De la Roch to Ireland or Holland, on desire of Lord Bordeaux's secretary	153	174
” ”	Serj. Dendy	To apprehend Wm. Higgins, mayor of Southampton, Wm. Stanley, alderman, and Edw. Downer, late high-sheriff, and bring them up to answer objections against them.	—	175, 179
” ”	Pass	For Thos. Rysdon or Risden, Chris. Warner, and servant to Holland	153	180
” ”	”	For Capt. Sam. Clerke, in the service of the States General, and servant, to Holland	152	—
July 3	”	For Capt. John Moore, lately come from Ireland, and his servant, to Holland	154	176
” 4	”	For Vincent Gookin, Esq., six servants and 7 horses to Ireland	160	176
” ”	”	For Rich. Duval, merchant, and John Haver, apprentice, to Flanders	161	176

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1655.			I. 76.	I. 112.
June 27	Pass	For Sir Geo. Aglionby to Ireland, at desire of Sir Geo. Fleetwood	161	176
" "	"	For Sir Rob. Honeywood, his son Robert, and 3 servants, to Holland	160	176
" "	"	For Christian Lindenow and 3 servants to Denmark, on desire of the Denmark agent	161	177
" "	"	For Sir Walter Vane and servants to Holland	160	177
" "	"	For Elias Dreckselaer and 2 other Dutchmen to Holland	161	177
" "	"	For Jan Wolderswyck and Peter Bromver "	161	177
" "	"	For Otto Hendricks and 2 other Dutchmen "	161	177
" "	"	For John Burley to Holland	161	177
" "	"	For Wm. Brewer, a scholar, to France	161	177
" "	"	For John Rudolph de Vert to France, on desire of Col. Mayo	161	178
" "	"	For Pat. Cassock to Ireland	161	179
" "	"	For Walter Butler to Dunkirk	—	179
" "	"	For Sir John Cockeran, and Gawen Kennedy his servant, Jas. Hamilton, David Dunram, and John Gordon, to Sweden or Poland.	161	179
" "	"	For Thos. Churchman and servant to Dublin, Ireland	170	179
" "	"	For Sir John Ogle and 2 servants to Holland, on desire of Serjeant Dendy	161	181
" "	"	For Philip, Lord Stanhope, and servants to France	160	181
" "	License	For the agent of the Prince of Condé to export 20 horses for the Prince	160	—
July 5	Pass	For Abr. Cæsar to Holland	170	178
" "	"	For John Clawbergh, merchant, to Salingon, whereof he is citizen	170	178
" "	"	For Gilb. Kirkewood to Holland	170	178
" "	"	For Ant. Stillier to Holland, on desire of Capt. Bushell	170	179
" "	"	For Abraham and Mark Rottier for France, on desire of Col. Montague	170	—
" 6	License	For Col. Mayo, of Switzerland, to export 6 horses from Dover	171	180
" "	Pass	For " his brother, M. Graffery, M. Vatteville, and 2 servants, to France	171	180
" "	"	For M. de Verth to France, on desire of Col. Mayo	171	180
" "	"	For Capt. Geo. Moreton, servant, and footman, to Holland	172	181
" "	Lieut.-Col. Worsley.	To allow the Earl of Northampton, now under restraint at Westminster, to go to his house at Banbury, on bond not to depart without license.	—	185
" 10	Officers of Dover, Rye, and Gravesend.	To apprehend and keep in custody, should he attempt to pass their port, John Lorcan, servant to Capt. Holland, in the Strand, near the new Exchange, for breaking open his master's trunks and taking a large sum of money.	—	182
" "	Pass	For Gerard Hericksen to Holland	173	182
" "	"	For Nich. Faes, Susanna his mother, and 6 other Dutchmen to Holland	173	182
" "	"	For Wm. Treves, and his wife Eliz. Hamilton to Holland	173	182
" "	"	For John Leendertssen to Holland	173	182
" "	"	For Johannes Vostermans to Holland	173	182

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1655.			I. 76.	I. 112.
July 10	Pass	For Marg. Hide with man and maid to Holland, on desire of Capt. Bushell	173	183
„ „	„	For Nath. Tuke and Joan his wife „ on certificate from Dr. Allen, &c.	173	183
„ „	„	For Johannes Brelklingins, of Holstein, to France, on desire of the Danish Ambassador	173	184
„ „	„	For And. Dick, grandchild of Sir Wm. Dick, to Scotland	173	184
„ „	„	For Edm. Butler, and Marie his wife, and servant, to Ireland	173	184
„ „	„	For Paul Methwyn and John Yerbury, with servant, to Flanders, on desire of Col. Montague.	173	184
„ 11	„	For Charles, son of Sir Chris. Hatton, beyond seas	174	183
„ „	„	For Thos. Payton and servant to France	174	193
„ „	License	For Thos. Lower to stay in town a month, the late proclamation notwithstanding	174	—
„ „	„	For Sir Nich. Selwyn to stay in town till further order, the late proclamation notwithstanding.	174	—
„ „	„	For John Harvey and Thos. Peck to stay in town till further order, the late proclamation notwithstanding.	174	—
„ „	„	For Thos. Peyton to stay in town 2 months, the late proclamation notwithstanding	174	—
„ 12	„	For Rich. Arundel „ „ for his health, on physician's certificate „	175	—
„ „	„	For Lord Brereton of Cheshire to stay in town for one month „	175	—
„ „	Pass	For Col. Rob. Sydney and servant to Ireland, at request of Lord Lisle	176	185
„ 13	„	For Sir Thos. Chamberlain and 2 servants beyond seas	179	185
„ „	License	For Lord Home to stay in town till further order, the late proclamation notwithstanding	179	—
„ „	„	For Lord Paget „ at his house at Drayton, though only 15 miles from London, the late proclamation notwithstanding.	179	—
„ „	„	For Mr. Dugdale to stay in town till further order, the late proclamation notwithstanding	181	—
„ „	„	For Robert, Lord Rich, to stay in town a fortnight, „ „	184	—
„ 17	Pass	For Johannes Fridericus, Georgius Fenricus, and Fudreas Guilielmus to France	186	186
„ „	„	For Roger Manley and servant to the Low Countries, on desire of Mr. Dorislaus	186	186
„ „	„	For Matthew and Hen. Crombien, and Nich. le Fievre to Holland	186	186
„ „	„	For John Walter to Holland	186	186
„ „	„	For Anne Pordage and Marie Whitby to Holland	186	186
„ „	„	For Chas. Wheeler to Holland	186	187
„ „	„	For François Ingram „ on a certificate	186	187
„ „	„	For Cornelis Van Stight to Zealand	—	187
„ „	„	For Sir Thos. Hanmer to Flanders, moved by Lord Lambert	174	187
„ „	„	For Jerome Alexander to Ireland	186	187
„ „	„	For Mrs. Fridaysweed Stephens to France	186	187
„ „	„	For Bernard Smith to Holland	186	—

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1655.			I. 76.	I. 112.
July 17	Pass	For Thos. Timberly to France, on desire of Capt. Bushell	186	—
,, ,,	,,	For Corn. Bee, Sam. Menne, and Wm. Minshew, booksellers, to Holland, on desire of Mr. Blagden.	186	—
,, 18	License	For Forreira Rebello to transport a coach and furniture to Portugal	—	185
,, ,,	Pass	For John Chichester and servant to Ireland or France, at desire of Edw. Sydenham	186	188
,, 19	,,	For M. Fauber, servant to Lady Mayerne, to Switzerland	187	188
,, ,,	,,	For Thos. Gilbert to Ireland	187	188
,, ,,	,,	For John Grace ,, , on request of the Earl of Mulgrave	188	189
,, 20	,,	For Ralph Sulyard and servant to Holland, on desire of Capt. Bushell	192	188
,, ,,	,,	For Valentine Kent to France, on desire of Col. Boseville	192	188
,, ,,	,,	For Edw. Moley and Jas. Farrell to Ireland	192	189
,, ,,	,,	For Alex. Birne to Ireland	192	189
,, ,,	,,	For Edm. Shee ,,	192	189
,, ,,	,,	For Mich. Crake ,,	192	189
,, ,,	,,	For Everard Hermanssen and Gedeon Holstein to Ireland	192	189
,, ,,	,,	For Pieter Van Mars and Fred. King to Ireland	192	189
,, ,,	,,	For Wilhelm Von Burgstein and 3 other Germans beyond seas	190	189
,, ,,	,,	For William Herbert and his lady, Lady Talbot, his sister, 4 maids, and 3 men beyond seas	190	190
,, ,,	,,	For Chris. Cussuck to Flanders	192	190
,, ,,	License	For John Spilman to transport 2 horses from Rye beyond seas	192	191
,, ,,	Pass	,, ,, , son, and servant beyond seas	192	191
,, 24	,,	For Geo. Provender and wife to Holland	201	190
,, ,,	,,	For Pieter Jan Jacob Peterson Suankenburgh to Holland	201	190
,, ,,	,,	For Fras. Slingsby, captain of a foot company in France, and his servants to France, moved by Lord Lambert.	201	191
,, ,,	License	For Fras. Slingsby to transport 2 horses to France from Rye	201	191
,, ,,	Pass	For Benj. Madock, Jasper Needham, and John Williamson, beyond seas	201	193
,, ,,	License	,, ,, to export 2 horses from Dover	201	226
,, ,,	,,	For Jan Vanhaven and Pernell his wife, beyond seas	201	—
,, 26	Pass	For Capt. Hen. Ubank, an officer of the Prince of Condé	206	—
,, ,,	,,	For Guilliam Sujet to Holland	206	192
,, ,,	,,	For Hilbrant Colder ,,	206	192
,, ,,	,,	For Wilhem Cool ,,	206	192
,, ,,	,,	For Nicolaes Nuisen and Roeloff Crans to France	206	192
,, ,,	,,	For Sir Fras. Peter, Bart. Watkins, and servant to Holland	206	192, 195
,, ,,	,,	For Marg. Haynes to Holland	206	193

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1655.			I. 76.	I. 112.
July 26	Pass	For Signor Domingo Vincentisio, an Italian, and servant to Scotland, on a certificate	206	193
„ „	„	For Hendrick Clea and servant to Holland	206	194
„ „	„	For John Dan. Gazell and Ant. Polidge to France	—	194
„ „	„	For Fras. Wilson to Holland	206	197
„ „	License	For Col. Lockhart to export 2 horses from Gravesend, moved by Lord Lambert	205	197
„ 27	Pass	For Lady Dorothy Manwood, Eliz. Hobart, her sister, 2 men, and a maid, to Holland	—	194
„ „	Nich. Bond	To provide officers and necessaries for the entertainment of the ambassador from Sweden, he being appointed steward.	207	194
„ „	License	For Edw. Rolt, going to Sweden on the Protector's service, to export 6 horses for his journey, custom free, from Deal.	207	195
„ „	„	For Thos. Payton to transport 2 horses beyond seas from Rye	207	197
Aug. 1	Pass	For Killian Rustewein or Julian Richlewen to France, on certificate of John Arminger	216	195
„ „	„	For Lord Lumley and servant to the Spa	216	196
„ „	„	For Sir Otto and Sir Hen. Rantzow and Paulus Owen, gentlemen of Denmark, to France	216	196
„ „	„	For Jan de Bosch to Holland	216	196
„ „	„	For Jas. Cooke „	216	196
„ „	„	For Francois Van Gelsdorp, Johannes Vander Blake, and his wife Adriana to Holland	216	196
„ „	„	For Roeland Carpenter to Holland	216	196
„ „	„	For John Horemans „	216	196
„ „	„	For Wm. Vinck, cousin to Lord Nieuport, to France	216	197
„ „	„	For John Tracy and servant to France, on desire of Martin Noel	216	198
„ „	„	For Wm. Duncombe, pensioner in the Charterhouse, to Ireland, on the governors' certificate of leave.	216	198
„ „	„	For Alex. Goffe to Flanders, on desire of Col. Wetton, signified by Mr. Kelway, one of his Highness's gentlemen.	216	198
„ „	„	For Ant. Poretch, a jeweller, beyond seas, on certificate of John Alman of Blackfriars	216	198
„ 3	„	For Nicolaes Kerff to Holland	219	198
„ „	„	For Pieter and John Verbeeck and Jacob Van Duynen to Holland	219	198
„ „	„	For Hans Juriaens and 2 other Dutchmen to Holland	219	198
„ „	„	For Sam. Dubrie to Holland	219	199
„ „	„	For Jacob Ouderwater to Holland	219	199
„ „	„	For Hendrick Van Swolingen to Holland	219	199
„ „	„	For Ingelinus Caw and servant „	219	199
„ „	„	For Godefridus, and Levina Snellius, and Herucles Sevenhuysen	219	199
„ „	License	For Sir Ralph Freeman to come to London and stay a month, the late proclamation notwithstanding.	219	—

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			I. 76.	I. 112.
1655. Aug. 3	License	For Hen. Neville to come to London and stay 4 months, the late proclamation notwithstanding, for dispatch of private affairs.	219	—
„ 7	Pass	For Reynold Van Rensen and Wm. Ewson to Holland	224	199
„ „	„	For Mary Cosins and maid to France	224	200
„ „	„	For Capt. Cooke to France	224	200
„ „	License	For „ to export 2 horses from Rye to France	224	200
„ „	Pass	For D'Bouter Vanbraist to Holland	230	201
„ „	License	For Col. John Cromwell to export 2 horses from Gravesend to Holland	224	201
„ 9	Pass	For Hendrik Pott to Holland	—	200
„ „	„	For Johannes Vinkel to Holland	229	200
„ „	„	For Salomon Colvenier, and 2 other Dutchmen, to Holland	229	201
„ „	„	For Geo. Colt, and servant to Ireland, on desire of Mr. Ingoldsby, one of his Highness's gentlemen.	230	201
„ „	„	For Malachi Harris and Joan Williams to Holland	229	201
„ „	„	For Mary Roberts and Sarah Somerset to France, on desire of Mr. More, Lord Lambert's servant.	230	201
„ 10	„	For Theodore Lovell to Holland	230	202
„ „	License	For „ to export 2 horses to Holland	230	202
„ „	Pass	For Sir Wm. Davenant to France	230	202
„ „	„	For Balthazar De la Sam to Holland	232	202
„ „	„	For François Guiot to Holland	232	202
„ „	„	For Jas. Craig to Holland	232	203
„ 15	„	For Marm. Constable, and servant, to Flanders	236	203
„ „	„	For John Richardson and servant to France	236	204
„ „	„	For Bernardus Beeckman to France	236	204
„ „	„	For Joachim de Sughers „	236	204
„ „	„	For Alex. Vygh to Holland	236	204
„ „	„	For David Maertens, Johannes Van Hengel and servant, and 2 other Dutchmen, to Holland	236	204
„ „	„	For Rob. Parke to Ireland	236	205
„ „	„	For Thos. Berthe, Jean Lanyer, Aubin Goutier, Marg. Chetiff, Magdalen Baportebled, Joanne le Meret, and Mary Galloy, to Poland, at request of the French Ambassador.	235	205
„ „	„	For Bernard Oseman, with his wife, Mathew Oseman, and child, to Holland	236, 246	—
„ 16	„	For Edw. Birch to Dunkirk	241	205
„ „	„	For Sarah Cooper to Holland	241	206
„ „	„	For Fras. More to Holland	241	206
„ „	„	For Cornelis du Boot and servant to France	241	207

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1655.			I. 76.	I. 112.
Aug. 21	Pass	For Capt. Archibald Douglas and his brother William to France	246	206
,, ,,	,,	For Meinert Mercus to Holland	246	206
,, ,,	,,	For Marten Cingleshoeck to Holland	246	206
,, ,,	,,	For Rob. Maghtingall, and 3 other Dutchmen, and a wife, to Holland	246	206
,, ,,	,,	For Thos. Browne to Flanders	246	207
,, 24	License	For Lord Ambassador Nieuport to export 10 horses, custom free, from Gravesend to Holland.	247	207
,, ,,	,,	For Gilbert Bartholomew to export 1 horse for the Lord of Opdam, Admiral of Holland, from Gravesend to Holland.	247	207
,, ,,	,,	For Peter Julius Coyet, envoy from Sweden, to export 20 horses from Gravesend, for the King of Sweden, custom free.	247	208
,, ,,	Serj. Dendy	To apprehend Sir Peter Wentworth, K.B., and bring him before Council	—	208
,, ,,	Pass	For Thos. Naxschovius of Denmark, and servant to France	—	208
,, ,,	,,	For Wm. Paleman and Nath. Lytton beyond seas	—	211
,, 28	Serj. Dendy	To apprehend Edw. May, — Bynny, and Dan. Easterton, and bring them before Council	—	209
,, 29	Pass	For Hen. Hunter and Phil. Strode to France	256	209
,, ,,	,,	For Johannes Van Loon, cousin to Lord Nieuport, Dutch Ambassador, to France	256	209
,, ,,	,,	For Seywart Teyls to Holland	256	209
,, ,,	,,	For John Stepney, his wife, Thos. Lewis, and a maid, to Flanders	256	211
,, 30	,,	For Nic. Lanyer, from beyond seas, to Dover or any port convenient for London, bringing such things as belong to the arts of music and painting.	258	214
,, 31	,,	For Mariana, wife of Lieut.-Col. Bland, employed in the West Indian Expedition, to Ireland, to fetch her 5 young children, reside with them in England, and return with them and her servants.	—	210
,, ,,	License	For M. Fras. Those, President of the Courts of Justice in Calais, to export 6 horses from Dover.	256	210
,, ,,	,,	For the Count de Charest, Governor of Calais, to export 6 horses from Dover	256	210
Sept. 4	Pass	For Joast Janssen to Holland	268	—
,, ,,	,,	For Nathan Bird, and Sarah, his wife, to Holland	268	212
,, ,,	,,	For Alex. Levingston to Holland	268	212
,, ,,	,,	For Jacob Cassel, Sarah, his wife, their son, and maid, to Holland	268	212
,, ,,	,,	For John Pendall to Holland	268	212
,, ,,	,,	For Jacob Steinwey to Rouen	268	212
,, 5	,,	For Lawrence Talbot to Ireland	273	213
,, ,,	,,	For Wm. Lower to Holland	273	213
,, ,,	,,	For Jacob Van Borsselen and 3 others to Holland	273	213

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1655.				I. 76.	I. 112.
Sept.	5	Pass	For Wm. Vermeer and Jacob Uytenbroeck to Zealand	273	213
”	6	”	For Johannes Kio Debreceni and Martinus Bekesi, Hungarian students, to the Low Countries.	—	213
”	”	”	For Mathys Vander Broeck and Adriaen De la Hary to Holland	277	214
”	”	”	For Johannes Van Horne and Adrianus Van Wannemaker to Holland	277	214
”	”	”	For Johannes Van Bodancourt for Zealand	277	214
”	”	License	For Prince D'Harcourt, or his agents, to export 8 horses from Dover for his own use, being moved by Mr. Secretary.	276	217
”	7	Serj. Dendy	To apprehend ——— Sherman, and his papers of public concernment, and bring them before Council.	279	214
”	”	”	To apprehend Tim. Cruso, sen., merchant of London, and bring him before Council	279	215
”	”	”	” Tim. Cruso, jun., and bring him before Council	279	215
”	”	Pass	For Sir Kenelm Digby and 4 servants beyond seas, on his desire, signified by letter to Mr. Jessop.	279	220
”	”	”	For Jan Jurian and his wife, Jamelien Jans, to Holland	279	198
”	”	”	For Andreas Van Wile and John Danielez ”	279	—
”	11	”	For the Black Dog of Sweden to Sweden	281	216
”	”	”	For Alaffe Niallson to Sweden	281	217
”	”	License	” ” to export 3 horses from Gravesend, custom free, 2 being sent by his Highness, and one by Lord Whitelock.	281	217
”	”	”	For Burgomaster de Witt, of Amsterdam, to transport 2 horses from Gravesend	281	229
”	”	Keeper of the Gatehouse.	To receive John Lingley and keep him prisoner during his Highness's pleasure, for endeavouring to surprize Chester Castle.	281	217, 223
”	12	Pass	For Petrus Van Hertsbeeck, John Dedel, and 4 others, to France	283	218
”	”	”	For Richard, son of Sir John Trevor, beyond seas, to travel for 3 years and return	283	218
”	”	”	For Hen. Farmer and a servant to the Spa, on request of Capt. Bushell	283	218
”	13	”	For Wm. Bray to Amsterdam	287	219
”	”	”	For John Cornelisen Dop and Divertien Gerrits to Holland	287	219
”	”	”	For John Van Dalen to Holland	287	220
”	”	”	For Hans Sigismund and 2 others of Harnoult to France	287	220
”	14	”	For James and Step. Bunce to France	288	219
”	”	”	For John Baptist Poelin, merchant, to France, on desire of Geo. Withers and Ald. Fowke	288	219
”	”	License	” ” ” ” to export a horse from Dover to France	288	219
”	”	”	For Wm. Kiffin to transport 2 horses from Gravesend to Holland	288	221
”	18	Pass	For Lord Paslay, his lady and servants, and coach and 3 horses, to Scotland	292	220
”	”	”	For Phil. Sweycker to Holland	292	221
”	”	”	For Jacob de Cuyser and Sampson Pronger to Holland	292	221

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Sept. 19	Pass	For Hugo Gravesend to Holland	296	222
„ „	„	For John Danidts „	296	222
„ 20	„	For M.M. de la Metarien du Mesnil, and de Thorse, to France	296	221
„ „	„	For Jos. Antunes and Thos. Dowdall, merchants, for Portugal, on desire of several merchants.	300	—
„ 21	„	For John Hepburn, of Alderstone, Scotland, to Scotland, with servants and horses, on desire of Capt. Buchan.	300	222
„ „	„	For Edw. Picks to France	300	222
„ „	License	For Hugh May to remain in town, the late proclamation notwithstanding	299	—
„ 25	Pass	For John Messervey to Jersey, by way of France, on desire of Capt. Messervey	308	222
„ „	„	For M. Jaques de Castle-Franc to France	308	224
„ „	„	For Jane Fettiplace and child to Holland	308	224
„ „	„	For Rich. de la Hoyde to Ireland, on certificate from Thos. Meara	308	225
„ „	License	For Thos. Morgan, of co. Monmouth, to come to London and Westminster on business, the late proclamation notwithstanding.	301	—
„ 26	Pass	For M. de Barrière, agent of the Prince of Condé, to export from Dover 6 horses, part of the 20 ordered for the Prince by Council 4 July 1655.	—	224
„ „	„	For Martin Ordishede for Holland	308	—
„ 27	„	For M. Guillaume de Boncheral, and 5 other French gentlemen, with 4 servants, to France	311	224
„ „	„	For Fredericus Adolphus Hanguitz and 3 other German gentlemen, with 2 servants, to Flanders, on certificate by John Banister that they came over to see the universities.	311	225
„ „	License	For Mdlle. Adriana Joachim, of the Hague, Holland, to embark from Brill and land in any port of England, the Hague and Brill being certified as free from contagion.	309	226
„ „	„	For Lord Broghill to export 4 horses from Gravesend	310	229
„ 28	Col. Whichcott	To deliver Chris. Feake and John Rogers, prisoners at Windsor Castle, to the agent of Commissary Gen. Whalley, to be conveyed to Sandham Castle, Isle of Wight, with a safe guard.	314	225
„ „	Capt. Thos. Boreman, governor of Sandham Castle.	To receive the said men, and keep them in safe custody	314	225
„ „	Pass	For Step. Noe to France	314	231
„ „	License	„ to export 2 horses from Dover to France	314	231
Oct. 2	Pass	For Thos. Audevy, corporal of Col. John Cromwell's garrison at Utrecht, to Holland, at request of Mr. Strickland.	316	226
„ „	Nich. Bond	To appoint officers and make provision for the diet and entertainment of the ambassador from Venice, paying therefor from moneys received from Council's contingencies, he being appointed steward.	—	227

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Date.		To	Subject.	References.	
1655.				I. 76.	I. 112.
Oct.	2	Pass	For Geo. Wicher to Holland	318	227
,,	,,	,,	For Pieter Opmeer ,,	318	227
,,	,,	,,	For Christian Kinchott to Holland	318	227
,,	,,	,,	For Ignatius Brett to France, in exchange for Capt. Garnett	318	228
,,	,,	License	For John Bellasis, to export 2 horses from Rye to France	316	228
,,	,,	Pass	For Rob. Hartred and Chas. Georges to Calais	318	228
,,	3	License	For Domingo Vaes de Brito, to transport to Lisbon a coach and furniture for 6 horses, for the Marquis of Niza, of the Council of State to the King of Portugal.	322	227
,,	,,	,,	For Wm. Gwynn to come and reside in London and Westminster, the late proclamation notwithstanding.	322	—
,,	,,	,,	For Sir Rob. Mansell to transport 4 horses beyond sea	322	—
,,	4	Pass	For Sir Rob. Mansell	322	—
,,	,,	,,	For Arfind Ifferson, Nich. Applegreen, and Magnus Utera, with 2 servants, to Holland	324	228
,,	,,	,,	For M. de la Tour to France, on desire of M. Barrière	324	228
,,	10	,,	For Rebecca Launder and 2 servants to Dunkirk	329	230
,,	,,	,,	For John Thompson to Holland	329	230
,,	,,	,,	For Sibrant and Sacharias Janssen to Holland	329	230
,,	,,	,,	For Henricus Bordens ,,	329	230
,,	,,	,,	For Cornelis Van Beveren and 3 others to France	329	230
,,	,,	License	For Mr. Berkell, a Dutch gentleman, to export 2 horses from Dover	329	230
,,	,,	,,	For Ant. Deane to export 3 horses from Rye	329	234
,,	11	,,	For the governor of [St.] Valery, in France, to export 2 horses from Dover, at request of Vice-Adm. Lawson.	322	231
,,	,,	,,	For Mich. Lemprière, bailiff of Jersey, to export thence 10 English horses to France, at request of Dr. Lemprière.	332	234
,,	12	,,	For Phil. Mayo to export 4 horses from Dover to France	333	231
,,	,,	Pass	For Mat. Brand to Holland	335	232
,,	,,	,,	For Mattheus Heswiegh and John Van Gena to Holland	335	232
,,	,,	,,	For Pieter Horne to Holland	335	232
,,	,,	,,	For Nicholas Vontius ,,	335	233
,,	,,	,,	For Paulus Claessen, Pashier Clavessen, and Abr. Wister to Holland	335	233
,,	,,	,,	For Henrick Goldenburgh to Holland	335	233
,,	,,	License	For the Venetian ambassador to export 6 horses from Dover, custom free	333	240
,,	17	,,	For Thos. Howard to export 2 geldings from Gravesend, at request of Viscount Lisle	316	232
,,	,,	Pass	For Don Alonso de Cardenas, Spanish ambassador, with his retinue and goods, to his master's dominions in Flanders. Renewed 23 Oct.	337	233, 236
,,	19	,,	For Fras. Cholmondeley and Chas. Cotton to France, for improvement of their studies	338	234

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Date.		To	Subject.	References.	
1655.				I. 76.	I. 112.
Oct.	19	Pass - -	For Thos. Cordell, and Henry and Art. Ingram, to France, on desire of Lord Lambert -	338	235
„	„	„ - -	For Edm. Wylde and servant to Geneva and Switzerland, on his own request, having been a member of the Long Parliament.	338	235
„	„	„ - -	For Wm. Ward, his wife, 3 men, and 2 maids, to Ireland - - - - -	338	235
„	„	„ - -	For Ant. Stephens to Holland - - - - - - - -	338	235
„	20	„ - -	For Edmund, Robert, and William, sons of Col. Jas. Sheffield, with a servant, to France -	341	235
„	„	License - -	„ „ „ „ to export 4 horses from Rye to France.	341	241
„	„	Pass - -	For Geo. Maghie to Scotland and Ireland - - - - - - -	341	236, 237
„	„	License - -	For Thos. Kerby to export 2 geldings from Gravesend - - - - -	341	236
„	„	„ - -	For Thos. Baxter to export 1 gelding from Dover - - - - - -	341	236
„	„	„ - -	For Sir Rob. Stone to export 2 horses from Gravesend - - - - -	341	241
„	21	Wm. Booker, marshal at St. James's.	To apprehend Rob. Thorold, engaged in treasonable designs - - - -	—	266
„	22	License - -	For Don Alonso de Cardenas, Spanish ambassador, to transport 10 horses and his goods from Dover to Dunkirk, excise free.	341	237
„	23	„ - -	„ „ „ „ „ custom free	341	237
„	„	Pass - -	For Arent Kinsan to Holland, on desire of Lord Strickland - - - -	344	238
„	24	„ - -	For Cornelius Fred. de Ridder to Holland - } all granted on desire of Amb. Nieuport	344	237
			For Johan Reael „ -		238
„	„	„ - -	For Franciscus Berijen „ -		238
		„ - -	For Dan. de Boevery „ -		238
„	„	„ - -	For Johan Sixty to France - - -		239
„	„	„ - -	For Nich. Van Swyeren to France - -		239
„	„	License - -	For Peter Civett to export from Dover 2 horses, custom free - - - -	316	240
„	30	„ - -	For John Ramsey, to export, custom free, 1,800*l.* of Dutch money, taken prize in the Red Rose of Amsterdam, and sold to him by the Commissioners for Prize Goods.	352	241
„	„	Serj. Dendy -	To apprehend John Parrey, and bring him before Council - - - - -	353	242

Warrants of the Protector and Council for Payment of Money.

Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum.			References.	
				£	s.	d.	I. 75.	I. 105.
1655. Jan. 1	Gualt. Frost	Nichs. Bond	For provision against the coming of the Ambassador Extraordinary from Genoa.	300	0	0	—	128
,, 2	,,	Edw. Tyton and Ant. Compton.	For the coachmen named by Sir O. Fleming, for attending several foreign ambassadors and agents.	123	10	0	637	128
,, ,,	,,	Ambrose Randolph	For ¾ year's salary for keeping the Paper Office, in Whitehall.	120	0	0	—	129
,, 11	,,	Col. Ingoldsby	For fire, candles, &c., for the guards of his regiment, to be paid from Council's contingencies instead of the Army contingencies.	20	0	0	636	129
,, 26	,,	John Embree	On account, for repairs of his Highness's houses, part of the 5,000*l.* lately paid in for contingencies, on report from the Commissioners on his petition.	2,500	0	0	649	130
,, 31	,,	Peter Sterry	For one quarter's salary as preacher at Whitehall.	50	0	0	661	131
,, ,,	,,	Hugh Peters	For 3 quarters' salary as preacher at Whitehall-	150	0	0	660	132
,, ,,	,,	Joseph Carill	For 1 ,, ,, ,, to 23 March last.	50	0	0	661	132
,, ,,	,,	,,	For one quarter's salary as preacher at Whitehall, to 23 June last.	50	0	0	661	133
,, ,,	,,	René Augier	For allowance for his secretary, employed in France, at 10*s.* a day from 20 April 1654 to 19 Jan. 1654–5.	136	10	0	705	137
Feb. 9	,,	Rebecca, relict of Sir Abraham Williams.	For one quarter's rent for her house in Palace Yard.	75	0	0	—	133
,, ,,	,,	John Embree	To pay to Hen. Martin, on his rendering possession of Derby House, for one year's rent for the same.	100	0	0	—	134
,, 10	,,	Col. Barkstead	On loan, to pay the 800 soldiers recruited in his regiment by orders of 20 and 25 Dec. last.	369	11	8	677	—

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Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum.			References.	
				£	s.	d.		
1655. Feb. 16	Gualt. Frost	Nich. Bond	Balance of his account of 338*l.*, moneys expended in entertainment of the ambassador of Genoa.	38	10	5	I. 75. 665, 749	I. 105. 134
" "	"	"	For officiating as steward for the entertainment of the Genoa ambassadors.	30	0	0	665, 749	135
" "	"	— Mushee	For officiating as master cook at the said entertainment.	20	0	0	665, 749	135
" "	"	Lady Margaret Levingston. Bridget Bray Judith Hobson Francis Blunden	Weekly allowance out of the Council's contingencies.	4	0	0	678	136
" "	W. Jessop	Lord Lambert	For small disbursements in the State's service	2	0	0	685	—
" "	"	Col. Jones	" " "	3	0	0	685	—
" 28	Gualt. Frost	Ambrose Randolph	For half-a-year's salary as keeper of the Paper Office in Whitehall.	80	0	0	I. 76. 96	156
" "	"	Porters, gallery, clock, and chapel keepers, gardeners, &c., at Whitehall.	For a quarter's salary due 15 Feb.	72	10	0	I. 75. 742	139
" "	"	Richard Nutt, Master of the barges.	For going down with the barge to Gravesend, 22 July and 1 Aug. last.	5	12	6	I. 76. 96	153
" "	"	" "	For bringing the ambassador extraordinary from Genoa from Gravesend 4 Jan. last.	10	6	0	96	153
March 23	"	Major Wm. Packer	Money lent for pay of his Highness's regiment of horse, which attend the guard at the Mews.	200	0	0	I. 75. 739	137
" "	"	Commissary - General Whalley, and the rest of the Committee of Officers.	Towards pay and discharge of the new listed soldiers in the several regiments and troops of horse.	500	0	0	739	138
" 27	"	13 soldiers of Col. Barkstead's regiment.	As a gratuity for their diligence and suffering in conveying some moneys intended for Scotland to Lee Road.	40	0	0	—	140

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Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum.			References.	
				£	s.	d.	I. 75.	I. 105.
1655. March 30	Late Treasurers-at-war	Present Treasurers-at-war.	Balance in hand of the 150,000*l.* raised by Act of 7 April 1652, for arrears of the forces in Scotland.	3,000	0	0	755	141
,, ,,	Treasury Comrs.	Late Treasurers-at-war.	In repayment of the said sum when required	3,000	0	0	755	—
April 4	Gualter Frost	Keylway Guydott	To officiate as steward for managing of the expenses of the Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer for the Western counties.	300	0	0	I. 76. 2	142
,, 6	,,	John Embree	For repairing Whitehall and other of his Highness's houses.	1,000	0	0	5, 6, 12	142
,, ,,	,,	Richd. Pight, clerk of the irons, and surveyor of the melting houses in the Mint.	For discovering and prosecuting coiners	50	0	0	1, 12	143
,, ,,	,,	Thomas Banks	For officiating as steward for managing the expenses of Oyer and Terminer for the Northern circuit.	200	0	0	3	143
,, ,,	,,	Wm. Williams	For a quarter's salary for printing the bills of mortality.	2	10	0	—	144
,, ,,	,,	Joseph Teate	For his journey into Ireland to preach	50	0	0	—	144
,, ,,	,,	Lieut.-Col. John Roseworm's wife.	For a quarter's salary due to her husband, at the rate of 10*s.* a day.	45	10	0	1	145
,, 24	,,	Capt. Wm. Rhodes	To be paid by him on a report of Commissary-Gen. Whalley and Lieut.-Cols. Worsley and White, in discharge of quarters.	79	19	0	45	145
,, 27	,,	Wm. Jessop, clerk of the Council.	To be paid by order of Council	20	0	0	—	146
,, 30	,,	William Wheeler	For a year's rent for the passage going into Cannon Row.	1	6	8	96	157
,, ,,	,,	Rebecca, relict of Sir Abr. Williams.	For one quarter's rent for her house, ready furnished, in the Palace Yard.	75	0	0	96	152
,, ,,	,,	Richard Scutt	For one half year, for setting up of lights in the several passages in Whitehall.	6	0	0	96	154
May 2	,,	Com.-Gen. Whalley, Cols. Twistleton and Goffe, Major Packer, Lieut.-Cols. Worsley and White, and Col. Barkstead.	In addition to 500*l.* paid, for discharge of the new listed soldiers in their regiments.	200	0	0	54	148

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Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum.			References.	
				£	*s.*	*d.*	I. 76.	I. 105.
1655. May 4	Gualter Frost -	Nich. Bond - -	For making provision for the entertainment of the Marquis de Lede, Ambassador Extraordinary from the King of Spain, he giving account to the auditors of imprest.	300	0	0	55	146
„ „	„ - -	Peter Sterry - -	For one half year's salary - - -	100	0	0	—	147
„ „	„ - -	Hugh Peters - -	For half a year's salary as one of the preachers at Whitehall.	100	0	0	—	147
„ „	„ - -	Rob. Roberts - -	For the soldiers who recovered the horses of Lord Chief Justice Rolle and Baron Nicholas, seized by the rebels at Salisbury.	78	0	0	59	149
„ 11	„ - -	Walter Strickland -	For charge of his late journey into the north by Council's order.	6	17	0	71	148
„ „	„ - -	Robert Proberts, servant to Gen. Desborow.	For charge of Desborow's journey into the west by Council's order.	40	0	0	71	149
„ 22	„ - -	Com.-Gen. Whalley, and the rest of the Committee of Officers.	For further payment of the late recruits of horse.	500	0	0	—	157
„ 23	„ - -	Serj. Dendy - -	Due for charge of prisoners lately committed to him.	100	9	0	84	150
„ „	„ - -	„ „	For disbursements in the time of the late Council of State, on report from the Commissioners thereon.	106	7	0	84	150
„ 24	„ - -	12 house officers at Whitehall.	For a quarter's salary to 15 May - -	72	10	0	—	151
„ „	„ - -	John Mills, late quartermaster.	On his petition referred to Council - -	40	0	0	85	153
„ „	„ - -	Wm. Williams -	For printing the weekly bills of mortality, one quarter.	2	10	0	96	153
„ „	„ - -	Richard Nutt, master of the barges.	For bringing the ambassador from the King of Spain from Gravesend to London.	28	12	6	96	154
„ „	„ - -	Dr. Walter Walker, Advocate.	For 1¼ year's salary - - - -	125	0	0	96	155
„ „	„ - -	Marchmond Needham -	For half-a-year's salary - - -	50	0	0	96	158

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Date.		By	To	Object.	Sum.			References.	
					£	*s.*	*d.*	I. 76.	I. 105.
1655. May	24	Gual. Frost	Lieut.-Col. John Roseworn's wife.	For a quarter's salary due to her husband	45	10	0	96	158
"	"	"	Nich. Bond	For disbursements for entertainment of the Spanish ambassador, beside the 300*l.* already paid.	39	11	10¼	92	160
"	"	"	"	For officiating as steward at the said entertainment.	30	0	0	92	160
"	"	"	— Mushee	For service as master cook at the said entertainment.	20	0	0	92	160
"	29	"	Dan. Wynn, keeper of the Mews.	For salary, and coal, candles, and faggots for the troops that kept guard there.	98	10	0	—	159
"	30	"	George Vaux, housekeeper at Whitehall.	For a year's salary and cleaning the passages in Whitehall.	150	0	0	—	182
June	1	Treasury Comrs.	Gual. Frost	For Council's contingencies	5,000	0	0	115	—
"	5	"	Sir Thos. Honeywood	Object not stated	500	0	0	118	—
"	7	"	Lord Hen. Cromwell	For 50*l.* each to 10 godly ministers, with whom he has treated to preach the Gospel in Ireland, Rob. Child to be one, on certificates given in of their approval by the Commissioners for Ministers.	500	0	0	124	—
"	"	Gual. Frost	Auditor Darrell	For labour about books touching Recusants and their estates.	50	0	0	—	161
"	"	"	John Embree	For repair of his Highness's 6 houses	2,500	0	0	122	—
"	8	Treasury Comrs.	Major Rob. Sedgwick	Advance of his pay as one of the Commissioners for the service under Gen. Venables.	300	0	0	126	—
"	9	Gual. Frost	Edward Rolt	Towards preparing for his journey to Sweden, being sent by his Highness with the ratification of the treaty.	200	0	0	—	159
"	12	"	James Chetwind	For pains in transcribing accounts and other transactions about the affairs of Ireland and Scotland.	20	0	0	—	162
"	"	"	Martin Noel	To answer letters of credit given by him to Mr. Moreland, who was sent envoy to the King of France with his Highness's letters about the Protestants in Piedmont.	200	0	0	126	162

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Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum.			References.	
				£	s.	d.	I. 76.	I. 105.
1655. June 12	Gualt. Frost	Keylway Guydott	For disbursements as steward to the Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer for the Western circuit, balance of his account of 478*l.* 0*s.* 3*d.*, with 50*l.* reward for service.	228	0	3	129, 143	163
„ 21	„	John Ireton & Co.	For wares and commodities for his Highness	150	13	0	—	165
„ 26	„	Nich. Lockier	For 1½ years' salary	300	0	0	—	163
„ 28	„	Susan Bowen	In lieu of so much to be paid by the Committee for maimed soldiers, by order in Council of 10 May last, but they had not so much money.	10	0	0	129	164
„ 29	„	Eliz. Parnel	For her present relief, beside her pension, payable by the Hospital Committee.	10	0	0	152	164
„ „	„	Edmund King, late servant to Col. Mackworth.	Reward for services in many public affairs	30	0	0	154	165
„ 30	„	Capt. John Owen	For pens, ink, books, &c., furnished to the clerks of Council from 23 March to 23 Dec. 1654.	176	9	10	273	174
July 10	„	Daniel Whistler	For his journey, sent by his Highness, to the King of France.	300	0	0	—	166
„ „	„	Edw. Rolt	For his journey to Sweden	300	0	0	—	166
„ 12	„	Rich. Pight	For his charges in discovering and prosecuting coiners.	50	0	0	178	167
„ „	„	Wm. Jessop	To be issued by Council's order	10	0	0	—	167
„ 17	„	George Downing	Sent by his Highness to the Protestant Canton in Switzerland.	300	0	0	185	168
„ 24	„	Roger French	For buying beds, blankets, and sheets for the forces in Windsor Castle.	60	0	0	208	168
„ „	„	Charles Rich	For the coachmen, footmen, and trumpeters that attended the Spanish and other ambassadors.	145	3	6	—	169
„ „	„	Edw. Tyton Ant. Compton	For the footmen, coachmen, and trumpeters for attending the Genoa and other ambassadors.	148	3	6	—	169

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Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum.			References.	
				£.	*s.*	*d.*	I. 76.	I. 105.
1655. July 27	Gual. Frost	Benjamin Master	For publishing the Latin translation of the proceedings about the Protestants in Piedmont.	5	0	0	206	171
„ 31	Excise Commissioners	John Phelps	For Hampton Court manor and rectory, on report of the Commissioners for inspecting the Treasuries.	750	0	0	460	—
Aug. 3	Gual. Frost	Major Dan. Redman	For the 4 troops who are to be sent into Ireland from Port Patrick.	71	13	4	—	170
„ „	„	Chas. Walley	For sending two of the said troops from Chester to Ireland.	150	0	0	—	170
„ 9	„	Rob. Walton	For cloth and baize for coats of his Highness' watermen, on a report of the Admiralty Commissioners.	39	1	6	228	172
„ 14	„	Capt. John Nicholas	Disbursed to the horse, dragoons, and foot raised on the order of 5 March 1654–5, as certified by the Committee of Officers for reducements.	178	14	6	232	171
„ 17	„	Marg. Kilvert, Susan Fulcher, Mary Morley, Marg. Kinkid, James Burrell, and Malcolm Carter.	5*l.* each for their relief, on their petition	30	0	0	241	173
„ 31	„	Nich. Bond	For expenses in the entertainment of the ambassador extraordinary from the King of Sweden, besides 300*l.* already paid.	37	0	9½	258	172
		„	For officiating as steward at the said entertainment.	30	0	0	258	173
„ „	„	Phillip Starkey	For service as master cook	20	0	0	258	173
Sept. 4	„	Capt. Hen. Farwell	For charges in removing 80 barrels of powder in June 1653 from the Isle of Wight to the navy store at Portsmouth, and 28 barrels from Portsmouth to Carisbrooke Castle in Sept. 1653.	4	1	0	268	177
„ 7	„	Rich. Swayne and Anne his wife.	For rent of land claimed by him as his inheritance, being employed for fortifications under the Castle of Shrewsbury. [*Vol.* 100, *No.* 99*a.*]	20	0	0	—	175

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Date.	By	To	Object.	Sum.			References.	
1655.				£	*s.*	*d.*	I. 76.	I. 105.
Sept. 7	Gual. Frost	12 household officers at Whitehall.	For a quarter's salary due 13 Aug.	72	10	0	—	179
„ 11	„	Thos. Simons, graver of the Mint.	On account for work done and to be done, to be discounted, with 200*l.* already paid, when all is finished.	200	0	0	270	174
„ 14	Wm. Walker	Col. John Barkstead	For pay of officers and soldiers recruited by him last May before they entered into army pay from army's contingencies.	84	9	4	288	—
„ 19	Gual. Frost	Lady Rebecca Williams.	For one quarter's rent of her house	75	0	0	—	175
„ „	„	Lieut.-Col. John Roseworm.	For a quarter's salary due to him	45	10	0	—	176
„ „	„	Wm. Williams	For printing the weekly bills of mortality for a quarter.	2	10	0	—	176
„ 20	„	William Wheeler	For a year's rent for the passage going into Cannon Row.	1	6	8	—	200
„ 25	„	Daniel Gookin	In advance for his charges to New England	300	0	0	303	177
„ „	„	Col. Goffe	For paying the charges of recruits of horse lately entertained in Lord Lambert and Col. Saunders' regiments.	210	0	0	303	178
„ „	„	Thomas Maynard	For his expenses about his journey into Portugal, and his services there.	200	0	0	287, 301, 303	178
„ 26	„	Richard Scutt	For setting up lights in the passages at Whitehall, $\frac{1}{2}$ a year.	6	0	0	—	184
Oct. 9	„	Cornt. Jos. Strangeways.	8*l.* for himself and 40*s.* for the soldiers that went with him to carry Feake and Rogers to Sandham Castle, Isle of Wight.	10	0	0	327	179
„ 12	Wm. Walker	Lieut.-Col. Worsley	For fire and candles for the guards last year from the army's contingencies. [*I.* 112, *p.* 246.]	30	0	0	323	—
„ 17	Gual. Frost	Countess of Kildare	For transport of herself and children into Ireland, beside the 20*l.* ordered for the children 11 May 1654.	100	0	0	—	180
„ 26	„	Thomas Maundy	For a mare provided by him for Scotland	119	8	0	348	185
„ „	„	Thomas Browne	As late agent and consul for the English nation in Tunis, Barbary.	200	0	0	318	192

ADDENDA.

1655.
Mar. 20.
Chatham.

Commissioner Peter Pett to the Admiralty Commissioners. I would have apprehended Fortescue when he came over had I known of it, but he is gone to London, and is staying at Mr. Fortune's, a cooper in Harper Lane, Tower Street; if he visits Chatham again, I will secure him. Thanks for the joyful news of the defeat of the Cavaliers westward. I send the certificates of the masters of the vessels I employed, by direction of his Highness, on special service. Browne, whom they mention, is probably guilty of many similar abuses; I blamed Mr. Hill, the looker out for embezzlements, for not bringing him up. The Elizabeth having her provisions and 60 men, I have sent her to the Hope to get more and wait for orders; the Centurion is ready to victual, having some 30 volunteers. I received the powder and ammunition from the Tower, and sent it on board the Centurion, and will give the Ordnance officers an account, so that they may send the rest. Had dangers increased, I should have been able (being forewarned) to secure the stores on shore, as well as the ships afloat, for some considerable time; but as the Lord has prevented their designs, I am willing to part with the ammunition for present service. The boatswain and clerk of the Elizabeth, having neglected their duty, are not fit for the service. [1¾ *pages. Vol. XCV., No.* **54***a.*]

[May 16.]

Petition of Barth. Cox, of Wells, co. Somerset, to Council, for a pass to Flanders; has friends there whom he wishes to see, to benefit his outward estate, and gain experience. With certificate by Jas. Baron, linendraper, Bread Street, London, that Cox was never engaged in any conspiracy, and desires to travel to better his fortune. [1 *page. See Warrant Tables, May* 16, 1655. *Vol. XCVII., No.* **41***a.*]

Aug. 16.

Petition of Margaret, Countess of Worcester, to the Protector. I was married to Edward now Earl of Worcester in 1639, with a portion of 20,000*l.*, but have only received 400*l.* from the whole estate these 9 years, in lieu of jointure, fifths, or thirds; finding only Worcester House unsold, I beg the benefit of that house, and of such other things as may be discovered. [1 *page. Vol. C., No.* **32***a.*]

Aug. 16.

Petition of Armiger Warner to Council. On the order on my former petition [*See* 29 *June* 1655], Jeffryes put off the trial till next term, but made me pay his charges. I offered him 216*l.* in money, and the forfeiture of the bond, from the first money I receive from the State, but he refused to accept it. I beg indemnity in what I have done for the State's service.

P.S.—If I might have 350*l.* that I can discover in the hands of 3 collectors of prize goods that have deceived the State of it, I would never trouble Council any more. [*Vol. C., No.* **32***b.*]

Aug.? Armiger Warner to Sir Chas. Wolsley. I send you copies of the papers on my case. I want an order to indemnify me for not going to Virginia. On your last order [*See* 29 *June* 1655], referring the case to Scobell and Jessop, we both appeared, and I offered Jeffryes the first 120*l.* that I should receive of the State, and ½ of what else I recovered, till the penalty of the bond was paid, but he refused. Mr. Scobell said he feared Council would not indemnify me, so I submitted to arbitration, but shall suffer much unless I have an order for indemnity. For God's sake let it be ended one way or other. If Council cannot relieve me, or satisfy me for my 23 months' attendance, let them tell me so and dismiss me, and I will take it as a favour. [*Vol. C., No.* **32***c.*]

Oct. 19. Order in Council that the Admiralty Commissioners provide 8 ships named, with all possible secrecy, to be forthwith sent to the West Indies. [*Vol. CI., No.* **59***a. This Order is not in the Council order-book.*]

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